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Installation

Installation Overview

For more information on this subject:

Fort Sill Home Page

<http://sill-www.army.mil>

Fort Sill is a major U.S. Army installation located in southwest Oklahoma, the heart of "Oklahoma's Great Plains" country--a region of wide, open spaces and clear blue skies. It is 90 miles southwest of Oklahoma City, the state capitol, and 50 miles north of Wichita Falls, Texas on Interstate 44. The post is adjacent to and just north of the city of Lawton. Entry to the post is through three main gates: Key Gate from the west, Sheridan Road Gate from the north, and Fort Sill Gate, also from the north.

All field artillery soldiers and Marines receive their training here, as well as many international students from allied nations. Fort Sill is home to the Field Artillery Training Command, IIIrd Armor Corps Artillery, and many tenant activities.

At Fort Sill, we take enormous pride in our community--a community of excellence in spirit as well as in name. The wellspring of our excellence lies within our people--soldiers, Marines, civilians, and families of Fort Sill united in a common and abiding commitment to care for one another and treat everyone with dignity.

Mission

Fort Sill's mission is to train artillery soldiers and train them well. To do that, they are trained day and night to put "steel on target." Fort Sill's three-pronged approach to training and preparedness makes it one of the best training posts in the Army. It is comprised of the Field Artillery School, the primary training facility for field artillery soldiers and Marines worldwide; the Field Artillery Training Center, home of basic combat, one-station unit training, and advanced individual training; and IIIrd Armored Corps Artillery, the largest field artillery complex in the free world.

To help accomplish the mission, Fort Sill's military population is about 15,903,000; the civilian employee population totals 5,036. Within 100 miles of Fort Sill, there are 10,302 retirees. Family members total 35,720.

For more specific information on how to get to Fort Sill from the airport, bus terminal, or the interstate, if driving, look at the category "Must Know Items."

History

Whether your specialty is field artillery surveyor, cannon fire director, or Multiple Launch Rocket System repairer, you join an elite group of artillerymen and soldiers who fought hostile Indians and eventually won the West, Southwestern Oklahoma, that is.

United States artillery can be traced back to the Military Company of Massachusetts, which was chartered in 1638, and with other colonial artillery companies formed what became the Continental Artillery. More than a century later, in April 1775, the legislature authorized the formation of an artillery regiment. This unit was first commanded by COL Richard Gridley, a former British artillery officer who later was replaced by COL Henry Knox. COL Knox eventually became the Chief of Artillery and is credited with shaping artillery for the remainder of the Revolution.

It would be another century, on January 8, 1869, before MG Philip H. Sheridan staked out the site that would become Fort Sill. Sheridan was leading a campaign into Indian Territory to stop hostile tribes from raiding border settlements in Texas and Kansas. His massive winter campaign involved six cavalry regiments accompanied by frontier scouts "Buffalo Bill" Cody, "Wild Bill" Hickock, Ben Clark, and Jack Stillwell. Troops from the 10th Cavalry, a distinguished unit of black "Buffalo Soldiers" who constructed many of the stone buildings still surrounding the Old Post Quadrangle, camped at the new fort. In June 1874, the Comanches, Kiowas, and Southern Cheyennes went on the warpath, and the South Plains reverberated with the hoofbeats of Indian raiders. The resulting Red River Campaign, which lasted a year, was mainly a war of attrition with the military in relentless pursuit of the Indians.

Without a chance to graze their livestock and faced with the disappearance of the great buffalo herds, the hostile tribes eventually surrendered. Quannah Parker and his Quohada Comanches were the last to abandon the struggle, and their arrival at Fort Sill's Quartermaster Corral in June 1875 marked the end of Plains Indian warfare on the Southern Plains.

In July 1901, 29,000 homesteaders registered for the land lottery at Fort Sill. On August 6, the town of

Lawton sprang up and quickly grew to become the third largest city in Oklahoma.

As Home of the Field Artillery, Fort Sill is not only at the forefront of tremendous technological advances, but it is also steeped in natural, living history. And, as the only active Army installation of all the forts on the South Plains built during the Indian wars, Fort Sill is also a National History Landmark.

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| Name: U.S. Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill |
| Address: ATZR-C, McNair Hall, Grierson Wing |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503-5001 |
| Phone: (580) 442-3006 or DSN 639-3006 |
| FAX: (580) 442-7134 or DSN 639-7134 |

Must Know Items

For more information on this subject:
Army Community Service
<http://sill-www.army.mil/acs/INDEX.HTM>

REQUEST A SPONSOR TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR RELOCATION TO FORT SILL!

Once your Sponsorship request is received, a sponsor is assigned to assist you with your relocation. The sponsor usually is matched to your rank, marital status, MOS, etc. as to promote mutual understanding of the needs you may have as a newcomer to the area.

Once the sponsor is assigned, he/she will contact you by email, or letter. It is important that you inform your sponsor of any special needs that you may need assistance and he or she may need to research or begin procedures for you.

Upon your arrival, your sponsor assists you in getting settled in the installation. You will be assisted, by the sponsor, in taking care of specific actions and showing you where offices/agencies are located within Fort Sill, as well as the Lawton area.

TO REQUEST A SPONSOR, YOU MAY USE ONE OF THE OPTIONS BELOW:

* FILL OUT DA FORM 5434, Sponsorship Program Counseling and Information Sheet, and mail to your pin point assignment unit at Fort Sill

* FILL OUT DA FORM 5434, Sponsorship Program Counseling and Information Sheet, and mail to: CDR,

USAFACFS, ATTN: AG (ATZR-O), FORT SILL, OK 73503

* USE THE INTERNET: The web link is located in the upper right hand corner AND can EMAIL YOUR SPONSORSHIP REQUEST USING THE FORM AVAILABLE.

If you request a sponsor and do not receive any communication on your request after a reasonable period of time, please contact the Army Community Service(ACS), Relocation Assistance Program, 580-442-5018, or DSN 639-5018; or use the web site that is in the upper right hand corner, or send a letter to CDR, USAFACFS, ATTN: ATXR-PF (Relocation Program), Fort Sill, OK 73503. Ensure to provide pertinent information so we can contact the appropriate agency and assist you with your sponsorship.

Directions to Fort Sill:

There is a military representative at the Lawton airport from 0430 until the last flight arrives, usually 2230.

If you arrive by commercial airline at the Lawton Municipal Airport, upon leaving the airport, you will come to a stop sign at 11th Street. Turn left on 11th Street and remain on it. It will become Fort Sill Boulevard which will lead you directly to the installation through Gate three. The airport's limousine service and several cab companies are also available to transport you to Fort Sill. The cost will vary.

If you arrive in Oklahoma at Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City, as you exit the terminal building, you will be on Meridian Road northbound. In approximately 1.5 miles, you will come to Airport Road. You should get on it eastbound. At the intersection of Interstate 44, exit south on I44, at which time you will be at mile marker 116. You will remain on I44 until you come to the Key Gate exit, mile marker 41. The MPs stationed at the gate will provide you with additional information, if needed.

If you arrive at Fort Sill through Union Bus Station, Lawton, Oklahoma, make a left turn onto 20th Street as you exit the parking lot. At Gore Boulevard at the stop sign, make a right turn on Interstate 44 northbound, and remain on I44 until you reach Key Gate. The MPs stationed at the gate will provide you with additional information, if needed.

Phone Numbers:

All Fort Sill telephone numbers are listed in the 580 area code. The Fort Sill prefix is 442-xxxx and the DSN is 639-xxxx. The Reynolds Army Community Hospital prefix is 458-2xxx and the DSN is 866-2xxx. For Field Officer of the Day (FOD), the commercial number is (580) 442-4912 and the DSN is 639-4912. For Fort Sill information, the commercial number is (580) 442-8111 and the DSN is 639-8111. To call post information from the installation, dial 103.

Mail:

There is no central location on Fort Sill where you can have your mail forwarded. While you are en route to Fort Sill, you should have your mail forwarded to a friend or relative. After you arrive at Fort Sill and you know your address, you can have your friend or relative send your mail to you.

Reporting-in Procedures for PCS personnel:

Upon arrival, permanently assigned service members must report to the Personnel Processing Center Branch (Welcome Center), Building 3164, Jones Road, Monday - Friday, from 0630-1630. If arriving after working hours: Married Unaccompanied/single SMs go to Building 3624 (Welcome Barracks) for overnight stay and report to the Welcome Center the following working day.

Reporting-in procedures for personnel arriving for training: During normal duty hours 0730 - 1630, enlisted soldiers attending Basic Training or Advance Individual Training (AIT) should report to 95th AG Bn (Reception Station), Building 2843. BNCOC and ANCOC students report to Building 3662, commercial (580)442-6328/6382 or DSN 639-6328/6382. Officer Basic Course (OBC) students and Officer Advanced Course (OAC) students should report to Building 730 (Snow Hall), commercial (580)442-2301 or DSN 639-2301. All others arriving after duty hours should report to Housing Division (Altman Hall), Building 5676, commercial (580)442-5000 or DSN 639-5000.

Your PCS financial matters will be handled during in processing. Leave extensions will be granted to soldiers who have valid reasons.

Civilians arriving for work at Fort Sill should report to the Directorate of Civilian Personnel, 1721-E Gruber Road, for inprocessing.

Since Fort Sill is an artillery post, newcomers are given a safety briefing on the dangers of picking up or handling duds: unexploded artillery rounds found on the post's ranges.

Temporary Housing:

Reservations for guest housing at the Geronimo Lodge can be made up to 1 year in advance through the Billeting Office, 5676 Ferguson Road, commercial (580) 442-5000 or DSN 639-5000. If no rooms are available, a statement of non-availability will be issued for up to ten days. Personnel on official orders pay \$30.00 per night per room, non-official visits are \$38. E-1 through E6 per night. Other rates apply for official and unofficial visits depending on room size. Prices vary from \$30. per night to 57. A copy of your orders and military ID card will be needed at sign-in. Also, one building in Geronimo Lodge allows pets. A list of available boarding facilities can be found in the category RELOCATION SERVICES, Related Subject: Pet Boarding. The billeting office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Child Care:

Child and Youth Services offers a variety of quality child/youth developmental care options (Tincher CDC, School Age Services (SAS), Youth Services, and Family Child Care (FCC)). One-stop service for all child care is available through Central Registration Office, 4700 (North side entrance) Mow-Way Road, commercial (580)442-3927 or DSN 639-3927. Resource and Referral for on and off-post child development care is also available at the Central Registration Office.

Home Alone Policy (from USAFACFS REG 210-12):

Sponsors are responsible for the health, welfare, and safety of minor family members at all times. Sponsors are responsible for ensuring family members comply with the provisions of this policy. A continuum of age appropriate supervision options is available both on and off post. Child and Youth Services is able to assist parents seeking regular supervision for their children.

The age that a child may be left unattended is determined by the environmental conditions, age, and abilities of the child. Individuals should refer to the minimum standards below for use in making decisions involving safety and proper supervision of children. The guidelines are applicable only if the child has no physical or mental disabilities, if the conditions are not chronic, and the environment is safe.

A "supervisor" is any person 13 years of age or older who is in a supervisory role and can provide adequately for a child's welfare and safety in all circumstances deemed appropriate.

Outdoor Play.

Preschool age children require close supervision, keep them under direct visual or auditory contact. They may play in an appropriately designated safe areas but must have immediate access to adult supervision. The person supervising must be able to respond to any emergency or threatening situation. Do not leave children in this age group alone at any time. NOTE: Immediate access is defined as within eyesight or hearing distance and ability to respond within 30 seconds.

You can allow elementary School age children (1st through 6th grade) to explore their environment but afford them protection and they must have access to adult supervision. NOTE: Access is defined as having ability contact a verifiable, prearranged, responsible adult in case of emergency and the sponsor knowing the location of the child.

Children left alone in quarters.

(1) Never leave preschool age children (birth through Kindergarten) alone. Keep them under close supervision with direct visual contact. Make periodic checks on sleeping children.

(2) Do not leave elementary school age children (1st through 4th grade) unattended in quarters.

(3) You may occasionally leave elementary school age children (5th and 6th grade) unattended, in quarters for a maximum of 3 hours during the day, if the child has constant access to a responsible adult, is not caring for younger children, and demonstrates the ability to be responsible and mature. However, do not place children in this age group in self-care on a regular basis.

(4) You may leave JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL age children unattended in quarters for up to 6 hours and he/she may care for younger children if they have access to a responsible adult. If there are too many children, if the responsibility is too great, or if they are not responsible, reliable, or mature, do not leave them unattended.

(5) You may leave HIGHSCHOOL age children (10th through 12th grade) unattended and he/she may care for younger children if the sponsor is in the local

area and unless the length of time is too long, there are too many children, or the teenager is not responsible, reliable, or mature. NOTE: Local area is defined as an area or location that is no more than 1 hour away by car.

(6) Children left unattended in quarters must know where their parent is and how to get in touch with them. They must know when and how to call the police, ambulance, and other emergency numbers. They must have another responsible adult besides their parent that they can call or have access to. Ensure they are aware of the Fort Sill guidelines and their responsibilities if they are watching younger children.

Special provisions.

(1) Children who meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program, as defined by AR 608-75, require special supervision. Parents may modify these guidelines in accordance with their children's special needs.

(2) Children who are in the care of a certified Family Child Care (FCC) provider, who has entered into a contract with the children's parents for such care, will be supervised by the FCC provider in accordance with guidelines set forth in AR 608-10, AR 608-18 and local procedures.

(3) A motor vehicle is always considered an unsafe environment. Some situations may make it impractical or unsafe to not leave children in a vehicle such as when changing a flat tire along the highway or when putting fuel in a vehicle at a station. In these situations do not leave the vehicle running and do not allow children access to the ignition key. Parent must be able to observe the children at all times and be able to react if the child tries to get out of the vehicle or has some other health or safety need. No child under the age of 10 will be left unattended.

(4) Playgrounds, parks, basketball courts, and similar locations. These places are not safe environments for preschool or elementary school age children. Preschool age children must have immediate adult supervision. Elementary School age children should have constant access to a parent, guardian or other person responsible for their well-being. Do not leave children in these areas for more than an hour during the day, and you or a responsible adult should check on them frequently during that hour.

(5) A swimming area is always considered an unsafe environment. Swimming areas present extreme

hazards to children. You should never leave preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school age children unattended in a swimming area.

(6) Elementary school age children may walk to and from school by themselves or in groups, by a pre-arranged route and with their parent's permission.

Any person having knowledge of children left unattended on Fort Sill outside of these guidelines must immediately notify the military police.

****Following are examples of actions taken by law enforcement personnel when a child is found unattended.**

a. Police consider an infant found unattended to be in imminent danger and will take infant into protective custody.

b. When a child is found unattended by police outside of above policy, the police will contact a parent and request immediate care for the child. If police cannot locate a parent or parent is unable or unwilling to provide immediate care for the child, the police will take the child into protective custody.

Each child is unique. Personality, environment, developmental progress, and maturity level are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. The following are minimum standards, and under no circumstances you reduce these guidelines. Parents are still required to assess their child and, if necessary, raise the age limits.

The following guidelines are honored if the child has no physical or mental disabilities, and the environment is safe.

Newborn through Age 3: NEVER LEFT UNATTENDED.

Pre-schooler through Kindergarten: Never left alone at home or in a car, and never should be left to take care of siblings or other children. May play outside unattended with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to an adult.

1st Grade through 4th Grade: Never left alone at home or in a car, and never should be left to take care of siblings or other children. May play outside unattended with immediate access to emergency

supervision, and sponsor knows the location of the child.

5th Grade through 6th Grade: May be left home alone NO MORE THAN 3 hours with ready access to adult supervision during day time. Never left home alone overnight. May play outside unattended with access to adult supervision. May be left unattended in a car with keys removed and handbrake applied to the vehicle. Never left alone to take care of siblings or other children.

Junior High 7th grade through 9th grade: May be left home alone with access to adult supervision NO MORE THAN 6 hours. Never left home alone overnight. May play outside unattended with access to adult supervision. May be left unattended in a car. May take care of siblings alone but not overnight.

High School 10th through 12th grade: Can be left alone and can care for younger children, unless the responsibility is too great (such as four younger children), the length of time is too long (such as all night or every night), or the teenager is not reliable. May be left alone overnight with sponsor in local area and access to adult supervision. May play outside unattended with access to adult supervision.

Curfew:

Fort Sill curfew hours for teenagers under age 18 are 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Teenagers who are out during curfew hours for legitimate reasons, such as returning from or going to work or a church function, must have possession of written permission from their parents. Military police will detain teenagers under age 18 who are found in violation of the curfew. A Juvenile Interview Worksheet, DA Form 3975, Military Police Report and other associated paperwork will be completed.

The Lawton community curfew is also 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. The first offense is a warning, and parents must come down to the police department to pick up their child. The second offense is a misdemeanor, and a \$200 fine is attached.

The fine goes up with each curfew offense.

Curfew violations are unnecessary as well as unsafe. When teenagers violate curfew regulations, they not only break the law, but they subject themselves to numerous possible dangers, such as accidents, kidnappings, and violent crimes.

Schools:

The Lawton Public School calendar for 2002 - 2003 is from 16 Aug 02 through 23 May 03. Fall break: 17 -18 Oct 02, Christmas break: 23 Dec 02 through 3 Jan 03. Spring break is 17 - 21 Mar 03. The calendar for the school year is the same for all public and private schools.

There are two private schools in the Lawton-Fort Sill area. The private schools, Saint Mary's Catholic School and Lawton Christian School, are both church affiliated.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade WHO LIVE ON POST attend one of two public grade schools: Geronimo Road Elementary or Sheridan Road Elementary. Both are part of the Lawton Public School system. If you arrive at Fort Sill and will move on post within 90 days, you may enroll your child(ren) in one of the installation schools.

Attendance at any of the 32 elementary schools is determined by the school district in which the student lives. Junior high and senior high school students who live on post attend Central Junior High or Lawton High School. For junior and senior high school students living in Lawton, which school they attend is determined by the school district in which they live.

Shot records, social security cards, birth certificates, and proof of residence are required for first admissions for kindergarten students. To enroll in kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age before September 2d. For admission for students in other grades, a shot record, copy of school transcript, and proof of parents' address are required.

The Lawton Public School system now has extended day-care facilities at 26 sites throughout the district. A fee is required; however, a sliding scale is available.

There are no magnet schools in the Lawton-Fort Sill area. A magnet school emphasizes one subject. There is one alternative school--Taft Alternative Academy for 6th through 12th graders. This school serves students in a smaller setting and has smaller class sizes. Students who wish to attend this academy must apply at their home school. The application must go through the building administrator at their home school. The parents and child must sign a contract. There is a waiting list for this academy. The same subjects are taught as at the junior and senior high schools in Lawton.

There is a summer enrichment program in the Lawton Public Schools. There are over 100 different programs. Some of the classes are: sewing, cooking, reading, hobbies, crafts, sports, music, and academic subjects. There is a catalog that comes out each spring and students must fill out an application for the subjects in which they are interested.

A home school program is conducted by the Lawton Christian School for 1st through 6th grades. Call 536-9810 for more information.

About 70% of graduating seniors in Lawton go on to college.

Graduation Requirements: Must have 22 credits accumulated in grades 9-12.

4 units English; 1 unit World Studies; 1 unit United States History; 1/2 unit Oklahoma History (only if you attend 9th grade here); 1 1/2 units American Studies; 2 units Mathematics; 2 units Science; 11 1/2 units electives.

Lawton Public Schools offer instructions for students with special learning needs and a Gifted and Talented Program. The mission of the Gifted and Talented program of the Lawton Public Schools is to develop and challenge those students who give evidence of high performance capability as defined by state law in the areas of intellectual, creative, leadership, artistic, and specific academic ability.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP): Fort Sill offers an Exceptional Family Member Program through Reynolds Army Community Hospital (RACH), (580) 458-2341 or DSN 866-2341. Screening and medical evaluations are administered and implemented at the hospital. All active duty soldiers with identified exceptional family members must apply for enrollment at RACH.

If you have questions about enrolling your family member in the EFMP program, you can contact the Army Community Service (ACS), (580) 442-6901/6818.

Special Needs Education:

Regardless of ability, handicap, health impairment, or disability, ALL students are welcomed and served. Every child is precious. Every student is an individual who must be given opportunities to grow, learn and succeed.

The Lawton Public Schools Special Service Center offers special education services for 4 year olds and students in elementary and secondary schools.

On behalf of the Lawton/Fort Sill community private schools informs parents of the services provided through the Lawton Public School and make referrals to ensure timely and proper service to our special needs students.

Special education students in Lawton are served in regular schools that are appropriate for their age and grade levels. When possible, special needs students attend regular classes for all or part of their school day.

Customized educational plans and strategies are developed by the Individualized Educational Planning Committee and includes the student's parents and teachers.

The Lawton Public School District serves or has served students in all 13 Federal Law defined special education categories. These are: Autism; Deaf-blindness; Deafness or Hearing Impairment; Mental retardation; Multiple disabilities; Orthopedic impairments; Other health impairment; Emotional disturbance; Specific learning disability; Speech or language impairment; Traumatic brain injury; Visual impairment; Developmental delays.

Federal guidelines outline the assessment or testing process for identification in each special education category.

Transportation: Parents should contact the Lawton Public School Transportation Center, 248-3255, to arrange bus transportation to school for exceptional family members. Family members must be enrolled in the exceptional family member program to be eligible for bus transportation.

The Child Find Coordinator can give your child an educational assessment. Lawton Public Schools do not offer educational assessments during the summer. Contact your Child Find Coordinator to determine where free assessments are offered during the summer.

Sooner Start is Oklahoma's early intervention program designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers with handicapping conditions. Sooner Start lends a hand to these children and their families. Infants and toddlers through 36 months of age who are developmentally delayed or have a physical or mental condition (such as Downs Syndrome, cerebral

palsy, etc.), which will most likely cause a developmental delay, qualify for the program.

LTC Greiner School is a privately-owned facility. Services are offered to children 0-5 and adults over 18 years of age who have developmental disabilities.

See the EDUCATION category for more detailed information on schools.

Veterinary Services:

The Fort Sill Veterinary Treatment Facility does not provide boarding/kennel services. A listing of community facilities can be found in the Category RELOCATION SERVICES, Related Subject: Pet Boarding. However, they do provide services that consist of routine vaccination (including rabies), heartworm and internal parasite prevention and control, health certificates and city tags, and an outpatient "sick call clinic." No quarantines are required for new pets arriving in Oklahoma.

Important Documents:

Most military families have documents and important records that they cannot afford to lose. These documents are usually difficult, if not impossible, to replace. It is important to hand carry these documents, which include: PCS orders, official birth certificates, immunization records, school records, all documents needed to enroll your child/children in day care and school, medical records, dental records, wills, power of attorney, marriage license, divorce decree, adoption decree, naturalization papers, social security cards, car title and shipping papers if coming from overseas, car insurance policy information, driver's license, car registration, household goods shipping inventory, employment records and references, and pet records (to be turned in to the Fort Sill Veterinary Treatment Facility upon arrival).

Cost of Living:

Fort Sill is not a high-cost area; however, it is still important to be prepared financially before you arrive. Soldiers assigned to Fort Sill do not receive a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). The average waiting time for government quarters is 18 to 20 months; therefore, off-post housing will be needed upon your arrival. Generally, monthly rental prices range from \$200 to \$325 for a one-bedroom, unfurnished unit and \$250 to \$400 for a two-bedroom unfurnished unit. Some rental properties have three and four bedrooms, and prices may be as high as \$900 a month. All military personnel who plan on living off post must process through Community Homefinding Relocation Referral Service (CHRRS) before agreeing to buy, rent, or lease. This office has

current listings of off-post rental houses, apartment complexes, and trailer spaces. A volunteer realtor with the Volunteer Realtor Program is available to talk to you about the housing market in the community and to help you find rental property or buy a home. It is a very good idea to request a sponsor prior to arrival as he or she will be able to answer many of your questions about the area.

Newcomers Briefing:

The Commanding General's Newcomers' Briefing is conducted the second Friday of each month, starting at 0900 in the Fort Sill Officers' and Senior NCO Club, 500 Upton Road. The orientation is mandatory for soldiers arriving at Fort Sill during the previous month. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available at the Tincher Child Development Center, 4122 Bragg Road, 442-4794. Personnel using this service must bring the child's shot records to the center at the time of service.

The briefing covers a wide variety of information about services available to soldiers and family members, to include Community and Family Activities, Medical and Dental services, the Commissary, PX, legal services, Directorate of Civilian Personnel, and religious services. Representatives from each activity are in attendance to answer questions after the briefing. The Lawton Chamber of Commerce also gives a briefing concerning their role in the community.

REMEMBER, Relocation Readiness Program at the Army Community Service is available to provide information, referral, and assist you upon your arrival. Check our Lending Closet! You can borrow an array of kitchen items, and some other small electric appliances! The Lending Closet is also stocked with folding foam type mattresses, tables (game tables) and chairs; for children use we have car seats, playpens, and high chairs! Irons and Ironing tables are also available. For additional information call commercial (580)442-5018 or DSN 639-5018, or stop by the office, Building 4700 (north entrance) Mow-Way Road.

Weather:

The weather conditions change frequently at Fort Sill. Usually, the weather is mild in the fall, winter, and spring, but the summers are very hot. Average high temperatures in the summer are around 90 degrees. The winter time average high is near 50 degrees with average lows around 30 degrees. However, that does not include the wind chill factor which may make it feel colder.

Usually in the spring and sometimes in the early fall we may experience severe thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes.

If necessary, Operating Location A, 3d Weather Squadron, Air Force Weather, or the National Weather Service will issue a tornado watch or tornado warning:

** TORNADO WATCH means the conditions exist which could produce a tornado. Watches are almost a daily occurrence in late spring.

** TORNADO WARNING means a tornado is actually occurring and you should take immediate cover. Tornado warnings are serious and you should respond immediately.

The best advice during times of severe weather is to keep an ear to the local media for the latest forecast.

Regulations:

Oklahoma state traffic laws apply on Fort Sill. Seat belts are mandatory on the installation and in all of Oklahoma. Military police may stop vehicles to check for seat belt usage. Children under 4 years of age and who weigh less than 40 pounds are required by state law to be seated in a car seat, fastened with vehicle's seat belt in the back seat, when they are in a motor vehicle. Helmets are required on the installation for motorcycle drivers and their passengers but not in the rest of the state. Motor vehicle windows cannot be tinted more than 35% in the passenger and driver side windows and no more than 25% for the rest of the windows as required by state law.

Generally, the speed limit on Fort Sill is 25 miles per hour. In certain areas, however, the speed limit may be different. Be sure to observe posted speed limits. When passing troops and in family housing areas, the speed limit is 15 miles per hour.

Vehicle Checks:

All vehicles entering or leaving Fort Sill are subject to search.

Vehicle Registration

Automobiles and bicycles are required to be registered on Fort Sill.

Boat Registration (on post)

All military personnel living in government quarters/billets must store their boats on the RV lot, which is managed by the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Outdoors Adventure Center, located in building 2502 (Rec-Plex), commercial phone number

Must Know Items

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| --Installation-- | |
| Site Name | Fort Sill |
| Last Updated | February 24, 2003 |
| State/Territory | Oklahoma |
| County | Comanche |
| ZIP Code | 73503 |
| Service | USA |
| Host Command | |
| Physical Size | 94000 |
| --Personnel-- | |
| FSC/ACS Director | |
| Relocation Assistance Manager | |
| Relocation Assistance Specialist | |
| --Phones-- | |
| DSN Country Code | |
| DSN Number | 639-5018 |
| Commercial Country Code | |
| Commercial Area Code | 580- |
| Commercial Number | 442-5018 |
| FAX DSN Country Code | |
| FAX DSN Number | 639-7617 |
| FAX Commercial Country Code | |
| FAX Commercial Area Code | 580- |
| FAX Commercial Number | 442-7617 |
| --Official Mailing Address-- | |
| Street Line 1 | PO BOX 33097 |
| Street Line 2 | DCA, ATTN: ATZR-PF (RELOCATION) |
| City | Fort Sill |
| State/Territory | OK |
| ZIP Code | 73503-5100 |
| --Deliverable Address-- | |
| Street Line 1 | Relocation Readiness Program |
| Street Line 2 | Building 4700 (North Entrance) Mow-Way Road |
| City | Fort Sill |
| State/Territory | OK |
| ZIP Code | 73503 |
| E-Mail | warda@sill.army.mil |

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

For more information on this subject:
To find information about the SEBASTIAN county
<http://www.sebastiancountyonline.com>

Fort Chaffee, (Sebastian County)Arkansas, serves as the main training installation for reserve component

support. More than 55,000 active and reserve component soldiers trained at Fort Chaffee during FY 1997.

Fort Chaffee has 112 square miles, serving a population of 506, including 140 post and tenant military and 366 post and tenant civilians.

Departing from Fort Sill, take I-44 for 81 miles; turn off onto I-240. Remain on I-240 for 92 miles; turn

off onto I-40. Continue on I-40 for approximately 94 miles; turn off onto U-64. Once you arrive at Fort Smith, Arkansas, Fort Chaffee is located just 8 miles southeast.

Fort Chaffee lies in the town of Barling, next to Fort Smith, in Sebastian County, Arkansas.

Fort Chaffee is owned and operated by the Arkansas Army National Guard. It has a small PX (DPP not accepted), and a 1-person barber shop.

There is a 9-hole golf course (open to civilians, too) with a snackbar.

There is also a second snack bar on post.

There is one gymnasium.

Fort Chaffee has no commissary, laundry/dry cleaners, on-post housing (or official government off-post housing), schools, gasoline station, bank or credit union, childcare. These services are mainly provided by the towns close to Fort Chaffee (Barling, or Fort Smith).

There are no medical facilities (guard units have one small TMC which they

open and run on the weekends they perform drill duties).

Active duty personnel, when they arrive, join Tricare Prime Remote, while their families switch to Tricare regions, Fort Chaffee is REGION 6.

Medical and dental needs are handled through Tricare, via civilian establishments in Fort Smith. Fort Smith has 2 large hospitals. Non-emergency surgeries and other medical care are handled at Sparks Regional Medical Center.

All inprocessing is done at Fort Chaffee, in their units.

The active duty units at Chaffee consist of 3 battalions:

1-393(TS)(IN) ***** 2-393(TS)(IN)
***** 3-393(TS)(FA)

along with a small HQ element from 2d Bde, 75th Div (TS). The actual Bde HQ is at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Personnel assigned to Fort Chaffee work with National Guard units from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas.

Close towns are: Fort Smith, Barling, Alma, Greenwood, in Arkansas, and Sallisaw in Oklahoma.

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

| <i>Satellite</i> | <i>Command</i> | <i>Distance</i> | <i>Associated Site Name</i> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fort Chaffee, AR | United States Army Garrison | 267 Miles (Sebastian County) | Fort Sill |

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

Fort Sill has several installations that are within driving distance: Five in Oklahoma and one in Texas. Directions to the sites are as follows:

U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -

Depart Fort Sill, OK on I44 going toward Oklahoma City. Take the Airport Road exit on the left to Meridian. Turn north on Meridian to 300 North Meridian (on the left).

McAlester Army Ammunition Plant - McAlester, Oklahoma -

Depart Fort Sill on I44 East toward Oklahoma City. Travel 45 miles. Turn off onto U.S. 81 toward Ninneka south for 3 miles. Turn left onto SR19 East toward Lindsay for 49 miles. At Pauls Valley, OK, stay on SR19 NE for 32 miles toward Stratford. Go onto SR3 East for 3 miles toward Ada. At Ada, go onto U.S. 377 East for 1 mile toward Seminole. Turn right onto SR1 East for 31 miles. At Calvin, bear right onto US270 East for 31 miles. Turn right onto U.S. Highway 69 until you see an exit for U.S. Army Ammunition Plant, McAlester, OK.

Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma

Depart Fort Sill on I44 East traveling toward Oklahoma City for 45 miles. Turn off onto U.S. 81 for 105 miles north toward Yukon. Before you arrive

in Enid, OK, you will see an exit on your left for Vance Air Force Base.

Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma

Depart Fort Sill on I44 East going north. After you arrive in Oklahoma City, turn right onto I40. Continue on I40 until you see an exit for Tinker Air Force Base, which is exit 157C.

Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma

Depart Fort Sill going south on I44. Take the Cache Road exit on the right. Then take the right lane at the Y, onto U.S. 62. Travel 58 miles. Shortly after entering Altus, you will see an exit for Altus Air Force base.

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

From Fort Sill, travel on I44 south toward Wichita Falls, TX. Shortly after you enter the city limits of Wichita Falls, you will see an exit on the right for Sheppard Air Force Base.

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

| <i>State/Country</i> | <i>Site Name</i> | <i>Service</i> | <i>Distance</i> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Oklahoma | Altus AFB | USAF | 58 Miles |
| Oklahoma | McAlester Army Ammunition Plant | USA | 193 miles |
| Oklahoma | Tinker AFB | USAF | 102 miles |
| Oklahoma | Vance AFB | USAF | 149 Miles |
| Texas | Sheppard AFB | USAF | 57 Miles |

Regulations

Refer to the Must Know category for information on traffic laws, vehicle and firearm registration, restricted areas, and other regulations which pertain to Fort Sill.

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| Name: Boat Registration/License (State) |
| POC: Comanche County Motor Licensing Agency |
| Address: 902 SW 38th Street |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 355-3810 |
| Comments: Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday Closed Saturday and Sunday In the state of Oklahoma, boats and motors of 10 horse power must be registered. First registration requires an excise tax of 3 1/2 percent. A U.S. Armed Forces Affidavit may be used for reduced rates. City registration is also required for Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth. City fees for boats/barge are \$25, and fees for boat/ski are \$30. A bill of sale or previous registration form from another state is needed to obtain the required license/sticker. |

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| Name: Driver's License (State) |
| POC: Department of Public Safety |
| Address: 705 East Gore |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 353-6550 |
| Comments: Hours: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Monday - Friday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Closed for Lunch Closed Saturday and Sunday Fees vary depending on the type of license. |

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| Name: Fishing License and Permits (Post) |
| Address: Building 1458 White Wolf Crossing |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-6050/3553 or DSN 639-6050/3553 |
| Comments: State licenses can be purchased at this location or any sporting goods store in the Lawton community. |

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| Name: Hunting License and Permits (Post) |
| Address: Building 1458 White Wolf Crossing |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-6050/3553 or DSN 639-6050/3553 |
| Comments: If born on or after January 1, 1972, a State Safety Certification is required. State licenses can be purchased here and at several major sporting goods stores in the Lawton Community. |

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| Name: Pass and ID (Site) |
| Address: Building 3162, Rooms 101 and 102 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-1573/1574 or DSN 639-1573/1574 |
| Comments: Hours: 0730 - 1600 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 1300 - 1600 Thursday Appointments are not necessary to obtain a pass or ID card; they are issued on a walk-in basis only. Assistance with DEERS enrollment is available. |

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| Name: Vehicle Registration (State) |
| POC: Comanche County Motor Licensing Agency |
| Address: 902 SW 38th Street |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 355-3810 |
| Comments: Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday Closed Saturday and Sunday. |

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| Name: Vehicle Registration - Fort Sill |
| Address: Building 1670 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5878 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5878 |
| Comments: Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 0800 - 1545 Closed: Saturday - Sunday, holidays, and training holidays |

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| Name: Weapon Registration Section |
| Address: Building 1670, Currie Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580)442-5383/3045/ DSN 639-5383/3045 |
| Comments: Hours: 0700 -1600 Monday - Friday USAFACFS Regulation 190-1, 22 September 1994, Appendix B, paragraph B-5, requires all military and civilian employees working at Fort Sill or Fort Chaffee to register their weapons on the military installation before bringing them on the military installation. Guests participating in sporting events/activities such as skeet, trap, hunting, and marksmanship events are not required to comply with this registration requirement. However, they will transport their weapons by the most direct route to and from the range when entering and leaving the military installation. |

Commonly Referenced Numbers

Call the Relocation Manager, (580) 442-5018 or DSN 639-5018, for a phone number at Fort Sill NOT listed below.

Fort Chaffee: Please call 501-484-2441 or DSN 962-3130 to request information on the local area.

Commonly Referenced Numbers

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Commercial</i> | <i>DSN</i> |
|---|-------------------|---------------|
| AMERICAN RED CROSS-SILL CHAPTER | 580-442-2426 | 639-2426 |
| ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER | 580-442-5018 | 639-5018 |
| Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) | 580-442-6346 | 639-6346 |
| CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES - ONE-STOP-SERVICE | 580-442-3927 | 639-3927 |
| COMMISSARY (RECORDED HOURS/SPECIALS) | 580-442-4373 | 639- 4373 |
| DIRECTORATE OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL | 580-442-5426 | 639-5426 |
| EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP) | 580-442-6801 | 639-6801 |
| FINANCE (MILITARY) | 580-442-2192 | 639-2192 |
| FORT CHAFFEE - Information | 501-484-2441 | 962-3130 |
| HOUSEHOLD GOODS - INBOUND | 580-442-3600 | 639-3600 |
| HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OUTBOUND | 580-442-3903 | 639-3903 |
| HOUSING MANAGEMENT DIVISION | 580-442-2813/2332 | 639-2813/2332 |
| ID CARD SECTION - DEERS | 580-442-1573 | 639-1573 |
| LEGAL ASSISTANCE | 580-442-5058 | 639-5058 |
| LODGING | 580-442-5000 | 639-5000 |
| POST LOCATOR | 580-442-3924 | 639-3924 |
| REYNOLD ARMY HOSPITAL - INFORMATION | 580-458-2500/2800 | - |
| THRIFT SHOP | 580-355-8731 | - |
| TRICARE Service Center | 1-800-406-2832 | - |
| WELCOME CENTER | 580-442-6805 | 639-6805 |

Major Unit Listing

The 17th Field Artillery Brigade is composed of three battalions: 1st Battalion, 12th Field Artillery; 3rd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery, and 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery.

The 75th Field Artillery Brigade is composed of three battalions; 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery; 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery; and 6th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery.

The 212th Field Artillery Brigade is composed of three battalions: 2d Battalion, 5th Field Artillery; 2d Battalion, 18th Field Artillery; and 6th Battalion, 32d Field Artillery.

The 214th Field Artillery Brigade is composed of 2d Battalion, 4th Field Artillery (MLRS); 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery (MLRS); 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery; and 19th Maintenance Battalion.

Major Unit Listing

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>Command</i> | <i>Point of Contact</i> | <i>Commercial</i> | <i>DSN</i> | <i>Fax</i> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 17TH FA BDE | III CORPS | | 580-442-6500/6489/2015 | 639-6500/6489/2015 | |
| 212FA BDE | III CORPS | | 580-442-6276/2220 | 639-6276/2220 | |
| 214TH FA BDE | III CORPS | | 580-442-2724 | 639-2724 | |
| 30TH FIELD ARTILLERY | | | 580-442-5088 | 639-5088 | |
| 75TH FA BDE | III CORPS | | 580-442-4211 | 639-4211 | |
| Armored Corps Artillery | III CORPS | | 580-442-3456 | 639-3456 | |
| FIELD ARTILLERY TNG CTR | | | 580-442-1273 | 639-1273 | |
| REYNOLD ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL | | INFORMATI ON | 580-458-2500/2501/2800/2801 | | |
| TRAINING COMMAND | FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL | | 580-442-5771 | 639-5771 | |

Transportation

For more information on this subject:

Lawton Area Transportation System (LATS)

<http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/>

For Inbound household goods:

*Upon arrival to Fort Sill, whether you have a delivery address or not, contact the Transportation Office, 2950 Austin Road, 442-3600/3824.

* Provide your phone number and address where you can be reached in a short notice.

* As soon as you have a delivery address, call the Transportation Office and provide the information.

* Be prepared to accept delivery of your property as soon as it arrives. This will prevent additional handling and reduces the opportunity for possible loss or damage.

* Check your belongings as they are delivered, and mark any damaged or lost item on DD Form 1840, Statement of Loss or Damage.

* Claims must be filed with the post claims office, 2595 Currie Road, within 70 days of delivery.

ITR - Located at the PX, Building 1718, offers leisure and recreation travel and tickets at low cost to our soldiers and families. Take advantage of all the tours available through our ITR office!

Carlson Wagonlit, 2951 Austin Road, is the official government contractor for official travel. Also provides services for emergency travel.

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| Name: Carlson Wagonlit (Travel Orders/Leisure Travel) |
| Address: B. 2951 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 248-5000 |
| Comments: Hours: 0730-1600 Monday Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays Primarily for official travel offering services for other travel arrangements. |

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| Name: Information/Tickets/Recreation (Recreation and Leisure Travel) |
| Address: B. 1718 (PX) |
| City: Fort Sill, OK, OK |
| Phone: 580-442-6211/2652 |
| DSN Phone: 639-6211/2652 |

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| Name: Transportation Branch - Household Goods |
| Address: B.2950 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK |
| Phone: 580-442-3600/3824 |
| DSN Phone: 639-3600/3824 |
| Comments: Make sure to check your belongings as they are delivered, and mark any damaged or lost items on DD Form 1840, Statement of Loss or Damage. Claims must be filed with the post claims office, 2595 Currie Road, within 70 days of delivery. Transportation Office Building 2950, Austin Road Inbound Section 442-3600/3824 |

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| Name: Transportation Motor Pool |
| Address: Building 2026 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-2907/6542 or DSN 639-2907/6542 |
| Comments: Transportation Motor Pool (TMP) transports soldiers who are assigned to FATC and the Student Battalion to and from training sites. TMP is the main site for military driver's testing. The TMP does not furnish taxi service. |

Commissary and Exchange Operations

In addition to the usual fare found in the commissary, the Fort Sill store, (580) 442-3601 or DSN 639-3601, has a delicatessen, a fresh bakery, and a Value Mart (bulk sales) area.

Patrons in uniform have front-of-the-line preference from 1130-1300 weekdays in the express lines. All patrons, including children over ten years of age, are required to show a valid ID card. Food stamps and WIC (Women, Infant, Children) coupons are accepted at the commissary.

The hospital has a refill pharmacy, known as the Pharmisary, located on the southeast side of the commissary, where you can drop off your prescriptions before shopping and pick them up later.

Fort Sill's Exchange Mall, (580) 248-7506, has a tremendous stock assortment. Located in the Mall are a variety of food shops (e.g., Burger King Express) and concessionaires including a beauty salon, optical shop, flower shop, and travel agency.

The PXTRA is located at 1712 Macomb Road. This building includes furniture, major appliances, garden center, sporting goods, and a complete assortment of toys. You will also find the class six store, shop repair, and laundry/dry cleaning located here.

There are two shoppettes--3985 Sheridan Road and 4117 Fort Sill Boulevard.

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| Name: Fort Sill Commissary |
| Address: 1719 Macomb Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-3601 or DSN 639-3601 |
| FAX: (580) 355-3892 |
| Comments: Hours: Monday 0930-2000 Tuesday 0930-2000 Wednesday 0930-2000 Thursday 0930-2000 Friday 0930-2000 Saturday 0800-1800 Sunday 1200-1800 |

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| Name: Fort Sill Exchange Mall |
| Address: 1718 Macomb Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 248-7506 |
| FAX: (580) 248-4501 |
| Comments: Hours: 0900-2100 Monday - Saturday 1000-1900 Sunday Fort Sill's Exchange Mall is located at 1718 Macomb Road. This facility boasts 58,000 square feet of shopping with a tremendous stock assortment, the latest electronic concept known as the Power Zone. A wide variety of food choices await you including Burger King Express, Anthony's Pizza, Robin Hood Sandwich Shop, Church's Chicken, Baskin Robbins, and Sweet Reflections shop. Also located in the Mall are a variety of concessionaires including a beauty salon, optical shop, flower shop, travel agency, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car. |

Local Community

Local Community Overview

Lawton, Oklahoma, located just south of Fort Sill, offers an excellent quality of life and has been ranked as one of the best 100 cities to live in by Money magazine. The people are friendly and helpful and

the crime rate is low. Many active military personnel live in the communities surrounding Lawton-Fort Sill. Lawton also has a relatively large military retiree population.

Lawton has many cultural attractions to include the Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra, (580) 248-2001, the Percussive Art Society Museum, (580) 353-1455, the Lawton Community Theater, (580) 355-1600, and the Cameron University Theater Company, (580) 581-2478.

An outdoor lover's paradise, the Fort Sill area has lakes where you may enjoy a number of water sports. The City of Lawton also manages 76 parks featuring jogging trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds. These parks are often the site of Lawton's annual events

such as International Festival, jazz festivals, rodeos, and bike races. Phone the Lawton Chamber of Commerce, (580) 355-3541, for more information.

Any product or service you could need or want can be found in Lawton. There are more than a dozen shopping centers in Lawton. Many stores offer military discounts. For your dining pleasure, Lawton offers a variety of restaurants from fine dining to fast food. Your choices of cuisine range from American to Mexican, Chinese, and Korean.

Time Zone Chart

Fort Sill is located in the Central Standard Time Zone.

Time Zone Chart

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Adjustment for GMT</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pacific | -8 |
| Mountain | -7 |
| Central | -6 |
| Eastern | -5 |
| Greenwich (United Kingdom) | 0 |
| Central European (Germany) | 1 |
| East Asia (Japan) | 9 |

Climate

Fairly mild temperatures in the fall, winter, and spring, and extremely hot temperatures during the summer characterize the weather here at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Average temperatures in the summer are well over 90 degrees, and it is not uncommon for temperatures to be over 100 degrees. Wintertime average high temperatures are near 50 degrees with average lows around 30 degrees. Precipitation tends to be light throughout the year, with areas of heavier accumulation associated with thunderstorm activity.

Springtime in Oklahoma is severe weather season. Starting in late March and early April, strong southerly winds carry moist air from the Gulf of Mexico into our area. This air clashes with easterly moving cold fronts, often causing squall lines of severe weather to form in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles. As these squall lines move eastward, they produce the most severe type of thunderstorms and may very likely spawn tornadoes. Large hail and damaging winds are also very possible with these storms. Clear skies normally prevail for 2 or 3 days after squall line thunderstorms pass.

July begins a 3-month period where the standard daily condition is hot, dry, breezy, and sunny. The comfortability index or wet bulb global temperature begins to play an important role in outdoor activities. In the summertime, the air over Oklahoma generally comes from central Mexico through west Texas and is therefore hot and dry. Because of this, summertime is marked by a definite decrease in thunderstorms and cloudiness. Occasional thunderstorms occur when weather patterns shift to allow gulf moisture into the area. These thunderstorms generally occur in the late afternoon and evening. Surface heating from long hours of intense sunlight occasionally causes strong and gusty surface winds.

Autumn normally begins in mid-to-late September. Indications are a higher frequency of northerly winds, an increase in morning cloudiness and fog, and fewer opportunities for thunderstorm activity. There is a noticeable decrease in temperature and a slight increase in average amount of precipitation expected. October usually brings the first opportunity of freezing temperatures. Frontal systems, accompanied by rain or drizzle, pass through more frequently. By December, it is not uncommon for two cold fronts to

move through Oklahoma each week. These fronts are generally accompanied by low clouds, fog, rain, and drizzle. Later in the month, snow and freezing precipitation are very likely.

Snow and freezing precipitation are the predominant forms of precipitation during the winter months. An average of two cold fronts a week continue to pass

through the area. The air behind these fronts comes from the polar region through northwest Canada and is therefore cold. Temperatures of 32 degrees or below occur an average of 22 days in January, making it the coldest month of the year at Fort Sill. Strong winds often reduce the wind chill factor to as low as -25 degrees.

Climate

| <i>Month</i> | <i>High</i> | <i>Low</i> | <i>Humidity</i> | <i>Precipitation</i> |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| January | 49 | 28 | 59 | S - 1.16 |
| February | 54 | 3 | 62 | R - 1.51 |
| March | 63 | 40 | 62 | R - 2.02 |
| April | 73 | 51 | 60 | R - 2.63 |
| May | 80 | 59 | 67 | R - 5.41 |
| June | 93 | 68 | 65 | R - 3.75 |
| July | 94 | 72 | 60 | R - 2.48 |
| August | 94 | 71 | 62 | R - 2.26 |
| September | 86 | 64 | 64.3 | R - 3.28 |
| October | 75 | 53 | 64.3 | R - 3.39 |
| November | 62 | 40 | 63.2 | R - 1.66 |
| December | 54 | 31 | 66.1 | R - 1.30 |

Events Calendar

From rodeos to powwows, from Mozart to jazz and blues, from small town celebrations to national championships, the festivals, fairs, and special events reflect our sense of heritage and community spirit--and our love of a good time. Some of the events that take place in Lawton-Fort Sill throughout the year are: Armed Forces Day Parade, Arts for All Festival, Boulevard of Lights, Holy City of the Wichitas Easter Service, Independence Day celebration, International Festival, and Tour of the Wichitas Bike Race. These and other events are advertised in the Fort Sill newspaper, The Cannoneer, and in the Lawton newspaper.

Cultural Attractions

The Lawton-Fort Sill community offers many cultural events, theater, the arts, and the frontier way of life. Some of them make you feel like you have traveled back in time to the 1800s, as you walk through the many exhibits that detail the way life used to be. Welcome to the West!

Some of the cultural attractions available in Lawton-Fort Sill are: Fort Sill Museum; Geronimo's Grave; Indian City USA, in Anadarko; Mattie Beal Home, a 14-room mansion built in 1909; Meers, a turn-of-the-century mining town; Museum of the Great Plains; and the Quartermaster Corral, a stockade-like

structure built in 1870. After you arrive at Fort Sill, come to Army Community Service where we have booklets, brochures, and maps which describe many of the attractions in the area.

Recreation Opportunities

Fort Sill/Lawton community offers a variety of recreational activities, including auto racing, bowling, miniature golf, skating, swimming, etc. There are also several golf courses, outdoor exercise facilities, and numerous neighborhood parks. Some of the recreational activities in the area are: Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area (LETRA), Lake Ellsworth, Lake Lawtonka, Mount Scott, and Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. After you arrive at Fort Sill, the Relocation Program Manager, 442-5018, can tell you about more.

Military Related and Civic Organizations

There are many military related and civic organizations in the area. For assistance with locating services or targeting the specific organizations that best match your needs, please call Relocation Services, at Army Community Service, (580) 442-5018 or DSN 639-5018.

Shopping

Any product or service you could need or want can be found in Lawton. From major retail and

department stores, to the many specialty shops, whether you need to get your car serviced, or you are looking for a night out on the town, Lawton has something for everyone. Major retailers include Dillards, K-Mart, JC Penneys, SAM's Club, Sears, and a Super Wal-Mart. Another Super Wal-Mart is currently under construction. Two major shopping centers are Central Mall, located in the downtown area, and Cache Road Square, located at the corner of 38th Street and Cache Road. Additionally, there are more than a dozen other shopping centers in Lawton. Some shops offer military discounts.

State and Community Social Service Agencies

Department of Human Services (DHS), serving Comanche County, (580) 250-3700, FAX: (580) 250-3701, operates the community social services in the Lawton community. Some of the services offered at the above location are: food stamp assistance, aid to families with dependent children (AFDC), day care, and Oklahoma State supplementary payment, and issuance of medical cards to SSI recipients. The DHS office is located at 2609 S.W. Lee Blvd. in Lawton. For more information or assistance, please contact the Relocation Manager at Army Community Service, Building 4700 Moway Road, (580) 442-6801 or DSN 639-6801. The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program is located in Building 2777 on Fort Sill, (580) 442-2350.

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| Name: DHS Division of Child Welfare |
| POC: Social Service Supervisor |
| Address: 2609 SW Lee Boulevard |
| City: Lawton 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 250-3700 |
| FAX: (580) 250-3701 |
| Proximity to site: 4 miles |
| Comments: Hours: 7:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday Provides protective services for child neglect, adoption, foster care, and unwed mother services. Serves as a court liaison for Comanche County. |

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| Name: Department of Human Services |
| Address: 2609 SW Lee Boulevard |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 250-3600 |
| FAX: (580) 250-3701 |
| Proximity to site: 4 miles |
| Comments: Hours: 7:30am - 5:00pm Provides food stamp assistance, aid to families with dependent children (AFDC), emergency disaster assistance, and Oklahoma State supplementary payment and issuance of medical cards to SSI recipients. Serves only Comanche County. |

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| Name: Great Plains/Child Support Enforcement Agency |
| Address: #2 Lee Boulevard |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 248-6784 |
| FAX: (580) 248-8775 |
| Proximity to site: 8 miles |
| Comments: Hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm Establishes paternity, enforces the order, and collects court-ordered child support. Serves Comanche and Cotton Counties. |

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| Name: Office of Juvenile Affairs/Juvenile Service Unit |
| Address: 1715 SW 11th Street Suite #2 |
| City: Lawton, OK 73501 |
| Phone: (580) 355-7466 |
| FAX: (580) 357-5719 |
| Proximity to site: 4 miles |
| Comments: Hours: 7:30am - 5:30pm Monday - Friday Provides services to families who have youth in trouble, either as a delinquent or in need of supervision. Custody service is also provided. |

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| Name: Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services |
| Address: 1332 NW 53rd Street |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580)355-0008 |
| FAX: (580) 250-1634 |
| Proximity to site: 6 miles |
| Comments: Hours: 7:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday Counselors representing all counties provide services for individuals with disabilities, to enable clients to obtain or retain employment outcomes. Services include training, physical restoration, adaptive equipment, aids and appliances, rehabilitation training, counseling and guidance, and job placement. |

Non-Profit Social Service Agencies

If you need information or a phone number on a non-profit social service agency, please call Information and Referral, ACS, (580) 442-5018.

Religious Activities

Religious Services are offered through the installation as well as in the Lawton community.

An array of religious programs, mainly youth bible study, youth fellowship, Sunday school, and Vacation Bible Schools are offered at Fort Sill. You may call any one of the chapel sites listed below (or web site address when provided) for days of the week and times of religious services.

The majority of the churches in the Lawton community sponsor exciting religious programs. Upon your arrival at Fort Sill, it would be a good idea to contact the church of your choice to get information on your program of preference. The churches in Lawton are listed in the local phone book.

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| Name: Family Life Center |
| Address: 3168 Jones Road, 2nd Floor |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-4462 |
| DSN Phone: 639-4462 |
| Comments: SUN - Islamic Studies, 8:00 - 10:30AM FRI - Jumu'ah Prayer, Midday Daily - Regular Congregational Prayer (contact F.B.Rasheed at 357-9205). |

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| Name: Frontier Chapel |
| Address: 4121 Thomas Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-2701/4284 |
| DSN Phone: 639-2701/4284 |
| Comments: SUN - Catholic Mass, 9:30 AM SUN - Protestant Sunday School, 9:30 - 10:30AM SUN - Collective Protestant, 11:00AM SUN - Children's Church, 11:00AM SUN - Catholic Youth Organization 3:00 - 5:00PM SUN - Protestant Youth of the Chapel, 5:30 - 7:30PM TUE - Navigators Bible Study, 7:00PM TUE - Protestant Bible Study, 7:00PM WED - CCD Clases 6:00 - 7:30PM THU - Protestant Women of the Chapel, 9:15AM FRI - Military Council of Catholic Women, 1st Friday, 9:00AM SAT - Confessions, 4:30 - 5:15PM SAT - Catholic Mass, 5:30PM Daily Mass - 11:40AM (except Fridays) |

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| Name: Grierson Hill Chapel |
| Address: 3280 Crane Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK |
| Phone: 580-442-6593 |
| DSN Phone: 639-6593 |
| Comments: SUN - Catholic Mass, 11:00AM WED - Rock Coffee House, 6:30PM |

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| Name: Jewish Services |
| Address: Quarry Hill Chapel. 6008 Gordon Street |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-4405/4790 |
| DSN Phone: 639-4405/4790 |
| Comments: SUN - Hebrew School, 10:30AM (Frontier Chapel, B. 4121) WED - Adult Discussion, 7:00PM (Frontier Chapel, B.4121) FRI - Jewish Service, 7:30PM (Quarry Hill, B.6008) |

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| Name: New Post Chapel |
| Address: 1005 Shade Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5001/5108 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5001/5108 |
| WWW Link: http://www.west-point.org/users/usma1982/39622/NPC/ |
| Comments: SUN - Children's Church, 11:00AM SUN - Collective Protestant, 9:30AM SUN - Collective Protestant, 11:00AM SAT - Protestant Men of the Chapel, 2nd and 4th Saturday at Ted's Grill, 09:30AM SUN - Precepts Bible Study, 6:00PM |

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| Name: Old Post Chapel |
| Address: 425 Hamilton Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-4196 |
| DSN Phone: 639-4196 |
| Comments: SUN - Episcopal, 9:30AM |

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| Name: Quarry Hill Chapel and Field Artillery Training Center |
| Address: 6008 Gordon Street |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-4405/4790 |
| DSN Phone: 639-4405/4790 |
| Comments: SUN - Church of Christ, 8:30AM (B.6008) SUN - LDS, 8:30AM (B.5970) Classroom #2 SUN - Catholic Mass, 8:00AM (B.6007) SUN - Pentecostal, 8:00AM (B6050) Classroom #1 SUN - Protestant, 10:30AM (Gunnery's Inn) SUN - Lutheran, 10:00AM (B.6008) FRI - Jewish, 7:30PM (B.6008) |

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| Name: Regional Correctional Facility Chapel |
| Address: 1490 Randolph Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-4403 |
| DSN Phone: 639-4403 |
| Comments: SUN - Sunday School, 9:00 - 10:00AM SUN - Collective Protestant, 8:00AM MON - Men's Fellowship, 6:00 - 7:30PM TUE - Catholic Mass, 7:30PM 4th Sunday - Praise Fellowship, 6:00PM THUR - Bible Study, 6:30 - 8:30PM |

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| Name: Religious Support Operations Center (RSOC) |
| Address: 2934 Marcy Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-3319/3302 |
| DSN Phone: 639-3319/3302 |
| Comments: SUN - Collective Protestant 9:00AM |

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| Name: Reynold's Army Hospital Chapel |
| Address: 4300 Thomas Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-2615/2616 |
| DSN Phone: 639-2615/2616 |
| Comments: TUE - Collective Protestant, 11:40AM |

Community Transportation

Lawton/Fort Sill operate a public mass transit system. The Lawton Area Transit System (LATS), makes flag stops for passengers standing at any street corner along the Fixed Routes. Arrive at your pick-up point a few minutes before the hourly scheduled time. To wait for LATS, stand on the street corner before the intersection, or stand next to a LATS bus stop sign, route sign, bench or shelter. Signal the operator by holding your arm straight out with your palm facing down. For safety reasons, avoid flagging the bus at major intersections or immediately before a right turn lane or left turn lane begins. When the bus approaches look at the route and destination sign above the windshield to make sure you are boarding the correct bus. When the operator stops, wait for passengers to exit, then board through the side door. Show your pass or transfer or place the correct fare in the fare box, as operators are not allowed to make change or to handle fares.

Fixed Routes: LATS Fixed Route service operates every hour, Monday-Saturday. Yellow Route: Eisenhower High School; Cameron University; Dept of Public Safety; McArthur High School; McArthur Jr High School; YMCA; Police Department.

Green Route: Lawton Central Mall; County Court House; Main Post Office; 52d Street; Department of Human Services (DHS); Coliseum; Health Department; City Hall; Tomlinson Jr High School; McMahon Auditorium; Museum of the Great Plains; YMCA

Blue Route: City Hall; Public Swimming Pool; McMahon Auditorium; Lawton High School; Health Department; Department of Human Services (DHS);

Great Plains Technology Center (VO-TECH); Southwest Medical Center; OK State Employment Office; Lawton Central Mall; Federal Court House.

Red Route: Cameron University; Social Services Administration Office; Health Department; Coliseum; County Court House; City Hall; Comanche Memorial Hospital.

Pink Route: Fort Sill PX; Fort Sill Commissary; Fort Sill Reynolds Army Community Hospital; Indian Hospital; Downtown Lawton East- City Hall, Library, Nutrition Project; Police Department.

Note: The Pink Route, which services Fort Sill may be delayed or temporarily discontinued without any notice due to security requirements.

Fort Sill controls all security measures related to passengers entering its installation and may deny access to any passenger onto the installation.

Hours of Operation: LATS Fixed Route System operates from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

When boarding LATS, place your money into the fare box or show your pass. For the safety of everyone aboard, operators do not carry change. Cash fares may be bills and coins (including the Susan B. Anthony Dollar and the Sacagawea Golden Dollar).

Adults 16 and older . \$1.00 Children 6-15 \$.50 Children 5 and under .. FREE (Must be accompanied by paying passenger) Medicare, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (with LATS photo I.D.) .. \$.50 Transfers (to complete one-way trip) FREE

Ask the operator for a transfer to complete your one-way trip. Transfers are valid for 45 minutes from the time/date stamp. Medicare cardholders, seniors (62 and older), and persons with disabilities can apply for their photo identification card at the LATS office located at 609 SW Bishop Road. Present your Medicare card for the Medicare discount, proof of age for senior discount, or complete an application regarding disability for discount.

If you have questions or suggestions, or need help planning your route, call LATS at 580-248-5252.

TAXI SERVICE: There are different taxi cab services. Please call a taxi cab company Lawton for transportation on base or to Lawton.

Telephone numbers are not listed due to continuous changes among taxi cab companies. Please refer to the local telephone directory.

On-post school bus transportation is provided, along with bus transportation for Special Education students on and off the installation.

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| Name: Lawton Area Transit System (LATS) |
| City: Lawton, OK 73502 |
| WWW Link: http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/ |

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| Name: Union Bus Station |
| Address: 15 NE 20th Street |
| City: Lawton, OK 73507 |
| Phone: (580) 353-1010 |
| Comments: Proximity to Fort Sill is about 4 miles. |

Education

Education Overview

All schools in Lawton, both public and private, are fully accredited by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The three high schools are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Fort Sill schools come under the Lawton Public School system.

Lawton Public Schools also provide instruction for students with special learning needs and offer a Gifted and Talented program.

Free bus transportation is provided to elementary students living 1 mile or more from their assigned schools. Secondary students living 1 1/2 mile or more from school are provided free school bus transportation.

Each school has a food service facility. Free and reduced priced lunches are available for students who meet eligibility requirements.

The Center for Adult and Community Education, (580) 355-7727, provides Adult Basic Education classes and General Education Development (GED) testing for residents of Comanche County. Call the Center for more information.

The Great Plains Area Vocational Technical School provides vocational-technical education to high school and adult students. Call (580) 355-6371 for more information.

Cameron University, located in Lawton, offers more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degrees. Call (580) 581-2230 for more information. College classes are offered on Fort Sill by Oklahoma University, Oklahoma City University, Pikes Peak College, and Webster University. Call the Education Center on Fort Sill, (580) 442-3876, for more information.

Pre schools are provided by most day care centers, the Armed Services YMCA, 580-355-5520, and by Tincher Child Development Center on Fort Sill, (580) 442-2320.

FORT SILL: HARRY S. TRUMAN ARMY EDUCATION CENTER

The Fort Sill Army Education Center provides counseling, instruction and training support services, and testing for both soldier and family members as well as tuition assistance to soldiers pursuing recognized personal and professional self-development opportunities. Voluntary education courses are offered in noon-hour, evening, weekend and self-paced formats. Every action starts by seeing a counselor, available on a walk-in basis, 8:00 AM to 3:50 PM, Monday through Friday. Counselors provide advisement and assistance for:

- Requesting transcripts
- Applying for admission to on-post universities
- Obtaining a military evaluation, SOCAD student agreement and degree plan
- Determining educational goals
- Enrolling in all college/vocational courses
- Obtaining tuition assistance
- Obtaining testing services

TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Tuition assistance covers a soldier's tuition costs according to the most current policies outlined in service regulations. The soldier must be enrolled in an associate/bachelors/master/certification program to be eligible for Tuition Assistance.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Located in the Education Center, the Professional Development Center (PDC) offers self-paced interactive courses using computer-based instruction (CBI/CYBIS), audio, video, and CD ROM resources. A majority of these courses are open both to the soldier and family member. Some courses have been evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) and are recommended for college credit. A variety of commercial software is also available in the PDC. The PDC has several computers that may be used for Word-processing, graphics, electronic forms, trip

planning, and resumes. Multimedia tutorials are available for typing instruction, Microsoft Window, Word, Access, and Excel.

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| Name: Army Education Center - Fort Sill |
| Address: Harry S. Truman Army Education Center 3281 Sheridan Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-3201/6344 |
| DSN Phone: 639-3201 |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/edcentr/aceswp.htm |

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| Name: Center for Adult and Community Education (CACE) |
| Address: 2200 NW 25th Street |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-355-7727 |
| Comments: Assistance with GED, High School completion, and English as a Second Language (ESL) |

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| Name: Great Plains Technology Center |
| Address: 4500 SW Lee Blvd |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-355-6371 or 800-244-1-24 |
| WWW Link: http://www.gptech.org |
| Proximity to site: Approximately 4 miles South-West from Fort Sill |
| Comments: Over 40 certification programs are approved for tuition assistance. Great Plains Technology Center offers both adult and high school classes during the day and at night throughout the week. |

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| Name: John Shoemaker Education Center (Lawton Public Schools) |
| Address: 753 NW Fort Sill Boulevard |
| City: Lawton, OK 73507-5421 |
| Phone: (580) 357-6900 |
| WWW Link: http://www.lawtonps.org |
| Proximity to site: 2 miles |
| Comments: 30 Elementary Schools (Two of the elementary schools are located on Fort Sill: Geronimo and Sheridan Elementary Schools) 4 Junior High Schools; 3 High Schools; OVER 18,000 students NOTE: Secondary School Students (grades 7 - 12) from Fort Sill are bused to the Lawton Junior High and Lawton High schools. CENTER FOR ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION (CACE): GED - Preparation and review - Testing High School Completion English as a Second Language (ESL)- Beginning and Intermediate Courses |

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| Name: Lawton Christian School (Jr High/High Private School) |
| Address: #1 Crusader Drive |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-536-6885 |
| Comments: Grade: 7 - 12 |

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| Name: Lawton Christian School (Elementary Private School) |
| Address: #1 Crusader Drive |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-536-9810 |
| Comments: Grades 1-6 |

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| Name: Lawton Christian School - Private School |
| Address: 13 Winding Creek Road |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-536-3278 |
| Comments: AGES 3-5 |

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| Name: SYLVAN Learning Service (TUTORING) |
| Address: 1315 N. Sheridan Road |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-351-9100 |
| Tuition: Available upon request |

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| Name: School Liaison Services |
| Address: Child and Youth Services |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-1098 |
| FAX: 580-442-7827 |
| DSN Phone: 639-1098 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7827 |
| Comments: The Fort Sill/Lawton Public School Liaison officer works under the Child and Youth Services Program on Fort Sill, building 4700. |

Public and DODDS Schools

For more information on this subject:
Lawton Public Schools
<http://www.lawtonps.k12.ok.us>

You can call the John Shoemaker Education Center, (580) 357-6900, to find out which school your child should attend. In the Lawton Public School (LPS) system, there are 34 elementary schools, 4 junior high schools, and 3 senior high schools. There are 18,000 students enrolled in the Lawton public schools. The pupil/teacher ratio is 22/1. You may also obtain information about Lawton public schools on their web site located in the overview web address.

The state standard for standardized testing is described as follows. Grades 3 and 7 are administered the Iowa Basic Test for Schools (IBTS) each school year. The Criterion Reference Test (CRT) is given to grades 5, 8, and 11 each year. Schools can test other grades at their own discretion.

The numerical grading system is: A = 3.5 - 4.0; B = 2.5 - 3.49; C = 1.5 - 2.49; D = 0.9 - 1.49; F = less than 0.9.

There are no magnet schools in the area. A magnet school specializes in one subject area. There is one alternative school--Taft Learning Center, which is for 8th through 12th grade students. Students must apply through the administrator of their school to attend this learning center. After they are accepted, the pupil and parents must sign a contract. The same subjects are taught as at the junior and senior high schools in Lawton. Call the Taft Learning Center, (580) 353-4903, for more information.

Lawton Public Schools (LPS) system offers a Summer Enrichment Program for students from the 1st through the 12th grades. A catalog listing subjects available comes out in April, and students

must apply to attend the classes. Some of the subjects include: sewing, cooking, computer classes, science, space study, hobbies, crafts, music, sports, and academic subjects. Call the Shoemaker Center, (580) 357-6900, for more information. Also, the LPS offers 18 sites for extended day care and 14 sites for pre-kindergarten.

Documents needed for enrolling students are shot records, medical records, course description, and Individual Education Plan (IEP) for students with special needs.

About 70% of graduating seniors in Lawton go on to attend college.
High school graduation requirements vary. You must contact the Shoemaker Center, (580) 357-6900 for more information.

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| Name: Lawton Public Schools (Administration) |
| Address: 753 NW Fort Sill Blvd |
| City: Lawton, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-357-6900 |
| WWW Link: http://www.lawtonps.org |
| Proximity to site: 1 mile |

Private Schools

The private schools in the Lawton-Fort Sill area:

- *Saint Mary's Catholic School, (580) 355-5288
- *Union Baptist Christian Academy, (580) 355-0715
- *Lawton Christian Elementary, (580) 536-9810
- *Lawton Christian Secondary, (580) 536-6885
- *Lawton Academy of Arts & Sciences-Pre-K up to 7th grade-next year up to 8th grade, (580) 355-0308 (classes fill up quick so call as soon as possible)
- *Trinity Christian Academy Pre-K up to 6th grade, (580) 250-1900

Call (580) 536-5047 for info on a home school group here in Lawton.

The Lawton/Fort Sill area private schools have the same calendar and the same graduation requirements as the Lawton Public Schools.

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| Name: Lawton Christian School |
| POC: Christie Woodson |
| Address: 13 Winding Creek Road |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 536-6885 |
| WWW Link: http://www.lcscrusaders.com/lcs/ |
| Tuition: Tuition includes fees and book costs |
| Comments: Programs of special interest: Pre-kindergarten - 12th grade. A-Beka curriculum. Lawton Christian School provides advise and assistance with home schooling. Tuition fee: K3 - K5: \$147. monthly for half-day and \$189. monthly for full day. Grades 1-6: \$210. monthly 7-8: \$233. monthly 9-12: \$250. monthly Tuition includes books cost. New studen application fee: \$75. |

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| Name: St. Mary's Catholic School | | | |
| Address: 611 SW A Avenue | | | |
| City: Lawton, OK 73501 | | | |
| Phone: (580) 355-5288 | | | |
| Comments: | | | |
| Tuition scale is as follows: | | | |
| a) There is a \$60 NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee required to reserve placement. | | | |
| b) There is an Annual Academic Fee of \$200. per child, and payment is required before classes begin in August. | | | |
| c) Kindergarten through sixth grade | | | |
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| Number of children | Monthly Tuition | Yearly Tuition | |
| 1 | \$245.00 | \$2,450 | |
| 2 | \$440.00 | \$4,400 | |
| 3 | \$500.00 | \$5,000 | |
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| d) Pre-kindergarten: (*No discounts apply to Pre-K students.) | | | |
| 1 | \$260.00 | \$2,600 | |
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| The Academic Fee covers: | | | |
| ITBS | Arts material | | |
| Workbooks | Computer material | | |
| Library fund | Office supplies and forms | | |
| PE equipment | Supplemental material | | |
| Book rental | | | |
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| MISSION STATEMENT: | | | |
| Strives to develop the whole person who is self-disciplined, confident, and motivated. The students are encouraged to achieve spiritual responsibility and academic excellence. Each young person is taught to give witness to the Gospel by serving God and others. We strive to teach St Mary's graduates to be: | | | |
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| Spiritually responsible | | | |
| Trustworthy citizens with | | | |
| Moral values, and who are | | | |
| Academically prepared, | | | |
| Respectful, reliable, and resourcesul | | | |
| Young people, quided by the Catholic faith | | | |
| to | | | |
| Serve God and others. | | | |
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| St. Mary's Catholic School offers a full curriculum approved by the state of Oklahoma. Classes are provided from kindergarten through 6th grade. | | | |

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| Name: Union Baptist Christian Academy | |
| POC: Carolyn Brown | |
| Address: 1531 South Garfield Street | |
| City: Lawton, OK 73501 | |
| Phone: (580) 355-0715 | |
| WWW Link: http://WWW.UBCALAWTONOK.COM | |
| Comments: Tuition based academy. | |
| Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade A-Beka Curriculum | |
| Tuition: Academy only - \$170.00 (monthly) Hours: 8:45AM - 3:30PM | |
| Extended Care - \$220.00 (monthly) Hours: 7:30AM - 5:30PM | |
| Tuition fees include lunches and snacks. Follows the same opening and closing dates as the Lawton Public Schools. Special Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Track, Golf, Heritage Tour, and Student Government. | |

Colleges and Universities

Army's Continuing Education System offers testing services, training, and college-level course work. Call the Education Services Division, 442-3201, for more information.

There are eight colleges/universities in the area where one may pursue undergraduate and graduate level courses. Tuition assistance for soldiers can be arranged through the Education Services Office in the Education Center. The state of Oklahoma grants in-state (resident) tuition rates for college courses to military personnel and their family members while they are stationed in Oklahoma.

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| Name: Cameron University |
| Address: 2800 West Gore Boulevard |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 581-2230 |
| FAX: (580) 581-5514 |
| WWW Link: http://www.cameron.edu/ |
| Proximity to site: 4 miles |
| Comments: On-post Undergraduate courses lead to the following degrees: Associate in Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice, and Baccalaureate in Science Interdisciplinary Studies. On-post Representative: Lorinda Rogers, (405)355-8211, Building 3281 Sheridan Road. Office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 0915-1530, and Tuesday and Thursday 0915-1330. |

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| Name: Fort Sill Education Center |
| Address: Building 3281 Sheridan Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-5710 or DSN 639-5710 |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/edcentr/MAINFRame.htm |
| Comments: Hours: 0800-1600 Monday - Friday The Army Education Services Division administers the Army's continuing Education System. It offers testing services, training, and college-level coursework. |

Adult or Continuing Education

The Professional Development Center is co-located with Nye Library, Building 1640, Randolph Road. It offers self-paced, self-development opportunities utilizing computer-based instruction and audio-video/CD ROM resources, in preparation for GED testing for soldiers and family members. Call 442-6006 for more information.

For those wishing a more structured classroom environment, free evening classes are offered through the Lawton Public Schools Center for Adult and Community Education (CACE), located at 753 NW Fort Sill Boulevard. Courses include pre-GED and GED Reviews and English as a Second Language (ESL) Beginning and Intermediate.

An Adult High School Completion Program is also offered through CACE for a nominal fee. Eligible soldiers must see a counselor at the Customer Service Center, Building 2607 Currie Road, to receive 100%

tuition assistance and enrollment information. Family members must contact CACE for tuition assistance and enrollment information. Call 355-7727 for more information.

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| Name: Army Education Services Division |
| Address: Building 3281 Sheridan Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-5710 or DSN 639-5710 |
| Comments: Hours: 0800-1600 Monday - Friday |

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| Name: Great Plains Technical School |
| Address: 4500 W Lee Boulevard |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-355-6371 |
| WWW Link: http://www.gptech.org |

Special Education

All soldiers arriving at Fort Sill with an exceptional family member must contact Reynolds Army Community Hospital (RACH), Exceptional Family Member Program, 4301 Mow-Way Road, (580) 458-3460 or DSN 866-3460. "ALL" active duty soldiers with identified EFMs must apply for EFMP enrollment. Failure to apply for enrollment may result in reassignment to a location that cannot meet a family member's special medical or educational needs, and sanctions may be imposed against soldiers who knowingly conceal information about an exceptional family member and fail or refuse to apply for enrollment. The EFMP manager at the Army Community Service (ACS), acts as a liaison between the family and community agencies. If you have questions about enrolling your family member in the EFMP program, you may contact ACS, (580) 442-6901/6818.

Parents should contact the Lawton Public School Transportation Center, 248-3255, to arrange bus transportation to school for exceptional family members. Family members must be enrolled in the exceptional family member program to be eligible for bus transportation.

The Lawton Public Schools Special Service Center offers special education services for 4 year olds and students in elementary and secondary schools. The Child Find Coordinator can give your child an educational assessment. Lawton Public Schools do not offer educational assessments during the summer. Contact your Child Find Coordinator to determine where free assessments are offered during the summer.

Sooner Start is Oklahoma's early intervention program designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers with handicapping conditions. Sooner Start lends a hand to these children and their families. Infants and toddlers through 36 months of age who are developmentally delayed or have a physical or mental condition (such as Downs Syndrome, cerebral palsy, etc.), which will most likely cause a developmental delay, qualify for the program.

LTC Greiner School is a privately-owned facility. Services are offered to children 0-5 and adults over 18 years of age who have developmental disabilities.

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| Name: Child Find Coordinator -Lawton Public School Special Service |
| Address: 2211 NW 25th Street |
| City: Lawton, OK 73501 |
| Phone: (580) 353-0334 |
| Comments: Child Find Coordinators: Wyneese Barker: 4 yr. olds and Elementary School Rene Hansen: Elementary Schools Sandra Boyd: Secondary Schools All Child Find Coordinators can be reached at the telephone number listed above. |

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| Name: LTC Greiner School for the Handicapped |
| POC: Lou Whitely |
| Address: 10 SE B Avenue |
| City: Lawton, OK 73501 |
| Phone: (580) 355-2559 |
| Tuition: \$35 per month for pre-school and \$45 for adults |
| Comments: LTC Greiner School for the Handicapped is a privately-owned facility. Services are offered to children 0-5 and adults over 18 years of age who have developmental disabilities. Programs available are pre-school, speech-language, and physical therapy. This facility does not take school-age children. |

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| Name: Sooner Start |
| POC: Penny McPhail |
| Address: 1010 SW Sheridan Road |
| City: Lawton, OK 73501 |
| Phone: (580) 585-6610 or 1-800-42-OASIS |
| Comments: Sooner Start, an early intervention program, is designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers through 36 months of age with handicapping conditions. Sooner Start offers diagnostic and evaluation services, case management, family training, counseling and home visits, nutrition services, occupational, physical and speech-language therapy, and special instruction. |

Employment

Employment Overview

The majority of employment opportunities available to Fort Sill family members will be either on Fort Sill or in Lawton, Oklahoma. The average unemployment rate for the Lawton area is 5.3%. The overall employment prospect in this area is fair. There are many jobs available in retail sales, food service, child care, and medical related occupations. The job market is tougher for those seeking employment in mid to upper level management and other professional arenas.

For job hunting purposes, be sure to hand carry all employment records and documents, resumes, SF 171, SF 50, transcripts, certificates and licenses.

The payment of unemployment benefits depends upon what state you are transferring from and the policy in that state. A spouse transferring to Lawton from overseas will probably be able to receive unemployment benefits until he/she finds a job. The maximum amount of time for unemployment benefits is 26 weeks. Call the Oklahoma State Employment Service, 357-3500, for more information on unemployment benefits.

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| Name: Directorate of Civilian Personnel (DCP) |
| Address: Building # 1721 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5626 |
| FAX: 580-442-7820 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5626 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7820 |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/dcp/ |

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| Name: Employment Readiness Program (Army Community Svs) |
| Address: 4700-N Mow-Way Road PO Box 33097 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5018 |
| FAX: 580-442-7617 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5018 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7617 |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/acs/ |
| Comments: Army Community Service program to assist military spouses and dependants in preparing for job hunting. Services are: Resume classes each Monday @ 09:00; Reviewing of applicants resumes for completeness and accuracy; interview techniques, and job leads. Please call first to set up appointments. |

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| Name: Oklahoma State Employment Office |
| Address: 1711 SW 11th ST |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-357-3500 |
| Proximity to site: 3 miles |

Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses

The Spouse Employment Preference office, (580) 442-6226 or DSN 639-6226, provides applications for military spouse preference and general information on federal employment opportunities.

Military spouses may be eligible in some Department of Defense (DOD) hiring; therefore, it is important to contact the Civilian Personnel Office for specific guidance. DOD has directed NAF personnel offices to give employment preference to spouses of active duty military members who are relocating because of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders. To be eligible for preference, the spouse must have entered into marriage with the military sponsor before the military sponsor received official orders authorizing the PCS relocation. If the sponsor's orders are for training of less than 12 months, employment preference cannot be given. A spouse eligible for preference must request consideration at the time the DA Form 3433, "Application for Employment-NAF" is submitted. The application must include a copy of the sponsor's PCS orders and a completed "Certification of Eligibility for Spouse Preference." A complete application packet will be required each time the spouse applies for positions. Eligibility begins 30 days before reporting to Fort Sill. Once a spouse has used this preference to obtain a NAF position, he/she is not allowed to receive spouse

preference again while the soldier is stationed at Fort Sill.

Spouse preference for APF positions is afforded only through the DOD priority Placement Program. In order to be eligible, the spouse must be already serving on an excepted appointment overseas or on a career or career-conditional appointment at the time the PCS orders are issued. The spouse must be placed on leave without pay or be separated from their appointment due to PCS in order to receive spouse preference priority placement consideration.

Family members can use spouse preference when applying for positions with AAFES, (580) 248-7009. A copy of sponsor's orders, social security card, and a military ID card will be needed at the time of registration. Applications are taken every Wednesday, from 8:00 to 12:00 a.m.

See Related Subject, Government Employment, below for additional information on federal, state, and county employment.

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| Name: Spouse Employment Preference |
| POC: Marilyn Tyler |
| Address: Building 1721-E, Fort Sill Boulevard |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-6226 |
| FAX: (580) 442-7820 |
| DSN Phone: 639-6226 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7820 |
| Comments: Hours: 0800-1500 Tuesday and Thursday The Spouse Employment Preference office provides applications for military spouse preference and general information on federal employment opportunities. |

Permanent Employment Resources

The Civilian Personnel Office, (580) 442-3257 or DSN 639-3257, provides information on Civil Service and Nonappropriated Funds Employment. A bulletin board announcing job vacancies is available at the reception desk. A 24-hour job line is obtainable by calling (580) 442-5050 or DSN 639-5050. See Related Subjects, Government Employment and Private Employment below for additional information.

The Oklahoma State Employment Service, (580) 357-3500, provides employee placement, testing, Job Corps recruitment, unemployment insurance, and

employer and tax enforcement. It is a one-stop career center.

Service members separating from the military can receive help in finding a job from Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP), (580) 442-2713.

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| Name: Civilian Personnel Office |
| Address: Building 1721-E, Fort Sill Boulevard |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-3257 |
| FAX: (580) 442-7820 |
| DSN Phone: 639-3257 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7820 |
| Comments: Hours: 0730-1600 Monday - Friday The Civilian Personnel Office provides information on Civil Service and Nonappropriated Funds employment. A bulletin board announcing job vacancies is available, along with books of vacancies in other areas. Applications are available at the reception station. A 24-hour job line is obtainable by calling 580-442-5050 or DSN 639-5050 for APF, and 580-442-5847 or DSN 639-5847 for NAF. |

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| Name: Employment Readiness Program (Army Comm. Svcs) |
| Address: 4700 Mow-Way Road (North Entrance) |
| City: Lawton, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5018 |
| FAX: 580-442-7617 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5018 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7617 |

Temporary Employment Resources

The temporary agencies described below do not charge a fee to job hunters. The fees are paid by employers.

Manpower, (580) 351-9023, places people in clerical, medical, professional, technical, and industrial positions. Kelly Services, (580) 248-6600, has more clerical positions than professional positions. Direct Staffing Solutions, (580) 248-7840, specializes in clerical, general laborer, medical, manufacturing, construction, skilled, and non-skilled technical positions. Applications are accepted Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Express Personnel, (580) 355-1132, specializes in clerical, general laborer, medical, manufacturing, construction, skilled, and non-skilled technical positions.

Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities

Family members who are unable to find immediate employment are encouraged to volunteer their skills with any of the 18 agencies throughout the installation. For more information, contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator, (580) 442-3779 or DSN 639-3779.

Chambers of Commerce

Another great source of information on Fort Sill and the surrounding Comanche County area are the Chambers of Commerce.

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| Name: Chamber of Commerce and Industry |
| Address: 629 SW C Avenue |
| City: Lawton, OK 73502 |
| Phone: 580-355-3541 |
| WWW Link: http://www.lcci.org/ |
| Proximity to site: 3 miles |

Private Sector Employment

Many jobs are available in retail sales. There are two major shopping malls and more than a dozen small shopping centers in Lawton with many specialty shops.

Jobs are available in food services. Many restaurant chains are represented in Lawton (Burger King, McDonald's, Wendy's, Arby's, Pizza Hut, and many others). There are also numerous specialty restaurants.

There are several manufacturing companies in Lawton. Good Year Tire Company has about 2,200 employees which pays \$13-\$15 per hour. Other companies include Farm Fresh Bakery; Lawton Coca Cola Bottling Company; Pepsi Cola Bottling Company; Lawton Publishing Company, which prints newspapers; and Warner Jewelry Company.

Other miscellaneous employment opportunities exist at Telos Federal Systems, a defense contractor; and Lawton Municipal Airport. Many employment opportunities exist in the health care and technology areas. There are also employment opportunities with non-profit agencies such as Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries, churches, and others.

Government Employment

Fort Sill is the largest employer in this area with over 6,000 employees.

Appropriated and non-appropriated fund jobs at Fort Sill are limited due to the military downsizing; however, some openings do become available. Most appropriated job openings currently available require technical degrees or training. For a listing of job vacancies at Fort Sill, call the 24-hour job line at:

580-442-5050/DSN 639-5050 for Appropriated Funds (APF)

580-442-5847/DSN 639-5847 for Nonappropriated Funds (NAF)

or visit the Civilian Personnel Office, 1721 (East Side of building), Fort Sill Boulevard

There are other federal agencies in Lawton, for example, the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration. However, job opportunities with these agencies are very limited. Please refer to the local phone directory for phone numbers.

The Lawton Public Schools employ 2,300. Teaching slots as well as other positions (e.g., cooks, bus drivers, school secretaries, etc.) may be available in the Lawton Public School System. One can substitute teach for up to 75 school days per year without teaching credentials. In order to substitute teach in Lawton, a person is required to have 60 hours of college credit. The pay rate is \$44 per day. You may call the job information line, (580) 357-7031, for current vacancies.

Teaching opportunities in higher education may be available at colleges/universities in the area.

For employment with the city, county, and state, contact the Oklahoma State Employment office, (580) 357-3500.

Lawton is a medical hub for Southwest Oklahoma, and its medical facilities employ the majority of the area's medical specialists such as RNs, LPNs, and other medical professionals. Every medical field is represented in Lawton. Employment in the medical field looks good for experienced people. Call one of the hospitals to find out about employment in the medical field.

Professional or Occupational Licensing

For assistance locating professional or occupational resources with information on professional or occupational licensing, contact the Family Member Employment Assistance Program at ACS, 442-5018.

Networking Opportunities

As soon as you find out that you are being assigned to Fort Sill, it is a good idea for you to begin to network with other soldiers and family members who have been assigned at Fort Sill. Networking is the process of establishing personal connections with other people who can affect your success in a particular venture.

Some tips on networking:

Request a sponsor, who will be able to give you the very latest information about Lawton-Fort Sill and the surrounding areas. Your sponsor will be able to tell you the current situation regarding employment and other areas of interest to you.

Write or call the Chamber of Commerce in Lawton, (580) 355-3541, or the town you are interested in and request free information.

Check to see if your present employer has a facility in the local area.

Talk to employment agencies. Contact the Family Member Employment Assistance Program at ACS, (580) 442-5018, for information on job opportunities.

Medical And Dental

Medical and Dental Overview

Active duty service members and their family members (including Reservists on active duty) are authorized to use military medical treatment facilities (MTFs). Retirees and their families may also use these facilities if space available. Also, you are not limited to the MTF on your post. You can use other installation MTFs, especially if you are traveling. However, during a crisis, military facilities may discontinue services for everyone except active duty members.

DEERS: In order to verify eligibility for medical and dental care, service members, retirees, and dependents must be enrolled in DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System). This is normally done when you obtain or renew ID cards.

TRICARE: The Department of Defense Health Plan known as TRICARE was implemented in November 1995. TRICARE Prime is an open continuous enrollment. The TRICARE Service Center in Reynolds Army Hospital provides information about the TRICARE program, conducts enrollment and

disenrollment, and makes referrals through Health Care Finders.

Active duty personnel are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime. Family members can choose to enroll in Prime or remain covered under TRICARE Standard (just like CHAMPUS) or TRICARE Extra (like TRICARE Standard but with additional cost savings).

TRICARE Prime provides greater benefits package at a lower cost than TRICARE Standard and Extra. Active duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime pay no enrollment fees or deductibles for referred care, therefore, this plan offers the greatest savings for most families. The TRICARE Extra option is a Preferred Provider Organization with numerous network (contracted) providers offering discounts off the TRICARE Standard cost. TRICARE Standard offers the greatest choice in selecting civilian providers and is typically the most expensive. Call the TRICARE Service Center at 1-800-406-2832 for more information.

TRICARE DENTAL: The TRICARE-Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan (FMDP) is a comprehensive dental plan available to spouses and children of active duty members of the seven uniformed services. To be eligible for enrollment in FMDP, sponsors must intend to remain on active duty 24 months. Family members can be enrolled in or remain in FMDP no matter where they live, but they must receive dental treatment within the FMDP service area (United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands). Sponsors may enroll their family members by filling out DD form 2494 or 2494-1 at their personnel office. (NOTE: Active duty service members are not covered under this program, just their spouses and children.)

Family members dental plan covers all types of necessary professional dental services. The plan has co-payments, maximums, limitations, and exclusions similar to typical civilian group dental plans. The amount covered by the program ranges from 100-percent to 50-percent, depending on the type of dental service. Details of coverage are fully described in the Evidence of Coverage booklet. Call the TRICARE Information Center for more information; beneficiary information, 800-406-2832; provider information, 800-406-2833.

Lawton offers an enviable complex of accredited hospitals, mental health facilities, and a wide range of special-interest groups. See Community Hospitals Subject Area for additional information.

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| Name: Reynolds Community Army Hospital |
| Address: 4301 Mow-Way Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503-6300 |
| Phone: (580) 458-2500 or DSN 866-2500 |
| FAX: (580) 458-2069 |
| WWW Link: http://www.rach.sill.amedd.army.mil |

Medical Services/Directory - on Installation

When you report to the Welcome Center, you will be assigned to a clinic for routine care, based upon your unit of assignment. Patients should contact their assigned family practice clinic or troop medical clinic for routine care appointments and for referrals to specialty clinics. Appointment for specialty clinics is by written physician referral only.

On weekends and holidays, soldiers should report to SGT David B. Bleak Troop Medical Clinic, 6039 Moore Road, for treatment. TRICARE PRIME enrollees (family members and retirees) need to contact their Primary Care Manager and/or the 800 number listed on the back of the TRICARE PRIME enrollment card. In emergencies, all TRICARE PRIME patients should go to the emergency room at 4300 Thomas Road.

All newly assigned personnel with family members must register in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). You must be enrolled in DEERS to become eligible for TRICARE benefits. Bring your marriage certificate, DD Form 93 (insurance card) and your children's birth certificates to the Adjutant General's ID Card Section, 3162 Harvey Road, 442-5010.

The seven primary medical care clinics include two family practice clinics, an internal medicine clinic, a pediatrics clinic, a physical examination clinic, an occupational health clinic, and a troop medical clinic.

The 29 specialty medical clinics include Audiology, Brace Shop, Cast Clinic, Chiropractic Clinic, Dermatology, Dietary-Nutrition, ENT/EKG, Gynecology, Immunization Clinic, Mammography, Mental Health, Neurology, Obstetrics, Occupational Therapy, Ophthalmology, Optometry, Orthopedics, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Preventive Medicine, Psychology, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, Substance Abuse, Social Work Services, Surgical Clinic, Ultrasound, Urology, and X-ray.

Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

Put Prevention Into Practice (PIIP): This program is offered at the Welcome Center for in-processing military. The PIIP program identifies health risk factors, provides a health education class that addresses health risk issues, and provides information for self-referral to aid you in taking an active part in managing your level of wellness.

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Family members dental plan covers all types of necessary professional dental services. The plan has co-payments, maximums, limitations, and exclusions similar to typical civilian group dental plans. The amount covered by the program ranges from 100-percent to 50-percent, depending on the type of dental service. Details of coverage are fully described in the Evidence of Coverage booklet. Call the TRICARE Information Center for more information; beneficiary information, 800-406-2832; provider information, 800-406-2833.

You must be enrolled in DEERS to become eligible for TRICARE benefits.

Community Hospitals

Comanche County Memorial Hospital, 355-8620, is a 283-bed facility and is the regional referral center for a 13-county area. It provides comprehensive cardiac, cancer, and obstetrical care, as well as general acute health care.

Southwestern Medical Center, 531-4706, has a 24-hour emergency room and prompt care, labor and delivery, level II nursing, diagnostic radiology, physical medicine, respiratory therapy, laboratory, pharmacy, pediatrics, women's center, home health care, rehabilitation center, and cancer center.

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

Fort Sill boasts three dental clinics for the active duty service member. Check with your unit to determine which one you should use. Service member sick call hours for urgent dental problems are the same at all dental clinics - 0730-0900. Sick call care is not denied at other times, but the waiting time may be longer. Emergency dental service is available at each dental clinic during duty hours and at Reynolds Army Community Hospital emergency room after duty hours, on weekends, and holidays.

No routine dental appointments or sick call hours are available for other than active duty patients.

Prosthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, and oral surgery are available at one of the three modern dental clinics through referrals only for active duty soldiers.

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

| <i>Clinic</i> | <i>POC</i> | <i>Number</i> |
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| Allen Dental Clinic | | (580) 442-3315/6106 |
| Cowan Dental Clinic | | (580) 442-3460/2991 |
| Dental Clinic #2 | | (580) 458-2710 |
| U.S. Army Dental Activity | | (580) 442-5223 |

Family Member Dental Plan

For more information on this subject:
United Concordia Companies, Inc.
<http://www.ucci.com>

The TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP) is a comprehensive and affordable dental plan available to eligible spouses and children of active duty uniformed service members. The TFMDP has cost shares, benefit maximums, and coverage limitations similar to typical group insurance plans. To be eligible for TFMDP enrollment, sponsors must intend to remain on active duty for at least 24 months and this commitment must be confirmed by their parent Uniformed Service. Enrollment and/or changes to enrollment can be accomplished by filling out a DD Form 2494 or 2494-1 at the sponsor's servicing personnel office. Please read these forms carefully as they provide detailed information on enrollment options, limitations, and when TFMDP coverage begins. Upon enrollment, the sponsor must pay the monthly premium through their Uniformed Services payroll account -- the Government pays 60% of monthly premiums. Before providing care to family members, some dental providers may ask to see a copy of the sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement showing the dental plan payroll deduction. Coverage is worldwide and portable between assignments. United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI) administers the TFMDP. Detailed TFMDP coverage enrollment information can be found in the TFMDP benefit booklet. For more information about the program, visit UCCI's web site or contact them at 1-800-866-8499 for information on the TFMDP in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, or 1-717-975-5017 (toll call) for information on the TFMDP in all other locations. In overseas locations, enrolled sponsors and family members must contact their servicing overseas dental

treatment facility and/or Overseas Lead Agent before seeking treatment from host-nation dental providers, except for emergency care.

Housing

Housing Overview

Government quarters will be assigned to all eligible military personnel assigned for duty at Fort Sill within a 30-mile radius of Fort Sill. Military personnel on extended active duty at Fort Sill in the rank of private and above with dependents are eligible for and can occupy family housing. The waiting period for government quarters varies depending on family size and bedroom requirement.

Single soldiers in the grade of E1 through E6 are required to occupy barracks space unless they are divorced and have visitation rights of a minor child, SM married to SM, or expecting a child. Service members then can apply for BAH at the single rate and reside off post.

There are numerous apartment complexes, mobile homes, and homes for rent or sale in the Lawton and surrounding area. Security deposits vary and normally range from \$200 to \$700 and often equal one month's rent. For more information, call the Housing Management Division at 580-442-2813/4949.

Housing Allowances

For more information on this subject:
Basic Allowance for Housing
<http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html>

Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Committee's Web Site.

Housing Allowances

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| Rates and Allowances Home Page | http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html |
| Basic Allowance for Housing | http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html |
| Overseas Housing Allowance | http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allooha.html |

Government Housing

Application for placement on the government quarter's waiting list may be made in advance by submitting a set of PCS orders, DA Form 31, (Request Authority for Leave), and completed DD Form 1746 (Application for Assignment to Housing). You may send to Housing Management Division, 5676 Fergusson Road, Fort Sill, OK 73503 or FAX to 580-442-2332. However, eligibility date for placement on the waiting list will be date service member signed out of last duty station.

Application can also be made within 30 days of service member's arrival at Fort Sill. If application is made after 30 days, the eligibility date on the waiting list will be the date of application.

Only the active duty member can apply for and place his/her name on the waiting list. However, spouses are authorized to accept and sign for quarters.

In the event of change of duty station with TDY enroute, the family members may be authorized to occupy quarters at the installation prior to military member's arrival, provided the quarters are properly receipted by the family member or military member.

The 1415 family housing units at Fort Sill consists of 3 general officers quarters, 75-LTC/COL quarters, 46-MAJ quarters, 4 sixbedroom officers quarters, 137-LT/CPT quarters, 17- CSM/SGM quarters, 184-E7/E8 quarters, 903- E4/E6 quarters, and 46-E1/E3 quarters.

All family quarters are centrally heated and air-conditioned. Kitchens are equipped with a gas range, refrigerator, garbage disposal, and built-in dishwashers.

Housing units can be adapted to the needs of exceptional family members by calling the Housing Management Division at 580-442-2813/4949.

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| Name: Housing Management Division |
| Address: Building 4700 Mow-Way Road (North Entrance) |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-2302 or 1-800-695-1084 |
| FAX: 580- 442-2332 |
| DSN Phone: 639-2302 |
| DSN FAX: 639-2332 |

Community Housing

All newly assigned military personnel must report to the Community Homefinding Relocation and Referral Service (CHRRS) before entering into any lease agreement. The CHRRS is the soldier's guide to off-post housing. The CHRRS has current listings of off-post rental property, apartment complexes, and trailer spaces. A volunteer realtor is available in the Housing Office to advise you and your family concerning the housing market and rental properties available.

Monthly rental prices can range from \$200 to \$375 for a one-bedroom unfurnished unit, \$250 to \$500 for a two-bedroom unfurnished unit, and as high as \$900 a month for a three or four-bedroom unit.

You may contact the Lawton Board of Realtors at 580-357-1999 if you require information concerning purchasing a home. Price range for homes for sale can range from \$30,000 to \$300,000. However, the average price is from \$65,000 to \$95,000.

There are several mobile home parks in the area that rent spaces if you wish to purchase a mobile home. Refer to the local phone directory for phone numbers for mobile home parks.

Utilities

There is no military waiver of deposit program on Fort Sill. For gas service in Lawton, you must go to Reliant Energy Arkla Gas Co. at 602 S. W. A Avenue. The deposit for gas service will be about \$50 and a \$20 service charge for starting your gas service will be included on your first bill. Arrangements for water, sewer, and trash collection service must be made at the City of Lawton Utility

Collection at 103 S.W. 4th Street in Lawton. There is a \$20 charge for starting water service and a deposit of \$40 to \$60 will be charged based on usage of previous occupants. Soldiers must call the Public Service Company at 888-216-3523 to arrange for electric service. At least a deposit of \$120 is required. A connection fee of \$25 will be charged on the first bill. For telephone service in Lawton, call Southwestern Bell, 1-800-464-7928. The Southwestern Bell requires a deposit of up to \$125.00 which may be waived if a current client with good standing credit co-signs for the deposit.

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| Name: Classic Cablevision |
| Address: 930 Fort Sill Ave |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 248-9954 |
| Comments: On Post cablevision service |

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| Name: Lawton Cablevision (Off Post) |
| Address: 811 SW D Avenue |
| City: Lawton, OK 73501 |
| Phone: (580) 353-2250 |
| Proximity to site: 4 miles |
| Comments: You must go to 811 SW D Avenue to request a cable connection. There is a \$40 charge for installation for one TV, and you will pay for cable service for that month. Basic cable service is \$14.94 per month, and viewers choice, which includes 36 channels, is \$27.31 per month. |

Relocation Services

Relocation Services Overview

Relocation Readiness Program, Army Community Service, offers many services to make your move to the Fort Sill community a pleasant one. Call or visit us to get information about the installation and surrounding communities, if you need household items until your household goods arrive, or if you have any other questions or issues that surface during your relocation process. Call the Relocation Readiness Program Manager at 442-5018, 4700 Mow-Way Road (North Entrance) for advice or assistance with your relocation.

Relocation Assistance

The Relocation Readiness Program, (580) 442-5018 or DSN 639-5018, provides assistance to all military personnel, family members, retirees, and DOD civilians with relocations matters. Some of the

services offered are: pre-move briefings for those with overseas assignments and daily post-move briefings for newcomers to Fort Sill; Lending Closet where one may borrow household items; computer and road maps printed by request; Standard Installation Topic Exchange System (SITES) computerized printout on 297 military installations worldwide, available upon request; Welcome Packets, and maps of Fort Sill and Lawton are also provided.

As soon as you receive your PCS orders, you and your family are invited to contact the Relocation Readiness Program and request a needs assessment that

ensures you start with a plan that should take care of your move from start to finish. More than that, you are informed on what to expect at you new assignment location, and assist with requesting a sponsor to give "that personal touch" throughout your pre-arrival, arrival, and post arrival ensuring a true smooth move. Also, the Relocation Readiness Program manager can provide you with many sources of information that can help you plan your move. These include websites, pamphlets, booklets, videos, flyers, and checklists that tell you exactly what to do and expect at each step of your move.

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| Name: Relocation Readiness Program |
| Address: Building 4700 Mow-Way Road (North Entrance) |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: (580) 442-5018 or DSN 639-5018 |
| FAX: (580) 442-7617 |
| E-Mail: WARDA@SILL.ARMY.MIL |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/acs/relo.htm |
| Comments: The Relocation Assistance Program provides assistance to all military personnel, family members, retirees, and DOD civilians with relocation matters. The Lending Closet is located in building 4705 (behind building 4700). While you are waiting for your household goods to arrive, you may want to make use of this great program. The lending closet consist of many household items including small electrical appliances, all kinds of small kitchen utensils, brooms, sweepers, cookware, dinnerware, silverware, and much more. |

In Transit Emergencies

Make sure you have all your important papers with you. Phone numbers of the Welcome Center, (580) 442-6805 or DSN 639-6805; your unit Commander; Field Officer of the Day (FOD), (580) 442-4912 or DSN 639-4912; and your sponsor can be invaluable in case of emergency while in transit.

TRICARE: If you need medical care while in transit, call the Health Care Finder 800- 406-2832 for an authorization so you don't get billed under the more expensive Point-of-Service Option. Ensure your spouse/children staying with relatives at another location knows this TRICARE phone number in case medical care is needed.

Check the phone directory to see if there is a military installation nearby. If so, they can assist you with any emergency you have while in transit.

The American Red Cross is always available for emergency assistance wherever you are. Contact the nearest chapter (phone numbers are listed in the telephone directory) for assistance. They can sometimes help with emergency financial assistance and contacting individuals who will need to know where you are and what is happening.

Financial Preparedness

As mentioned in the Must Know Subject Area, the Fort Sill-Lawton community is not a high-cost area; however, it's still important to be prepared financially before you arrive. Soldiers assigned to Fort Sill do not receive a COLA. See Related Subjects, Community Housing and Utilities, in the Housing Category for housing and utility costs.

The required minimum insurance coverage in Oklahoma for automobiles is 10/20/10. Up to \$10,000 must be paid for a single injury in an accident caused by the insured, but no more than \$20,000 for all injuries in that accident. The Oklahoma law requires that vehicles have liability insurance. The cost varies depending on the age of the driver and the driving record.

Do not request advance pay unless you really need it. You can request advance pay after you receive your orders: up to one month for members in pay grades E1 through E3 and up to three months' basic pay for E4 and higher. If an advance for rental housing is needed, it must be authorized by the unit commander. A rental agreement is needed to verify the housing costs. The advance is usually repaid in 12 monthly

installments. Under certain circumstances of hardship, payments can be extended up to 24 months.

Army Emergency Relief, (580)442-2946 or DSN 639-2946, provides emergency financial assistance to eligible soldiers, retirees, widows, and family members with emergency travel, vehicle repair, funeral expense, late rent/mortgage payment, food, utilities, and basic essentials to prevent immediate privation.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is designed to identify soldiers with family members having physical, emotional, intellectual, or developmental disabilities requiring special treatment, therapy, education, training, or counseling.

All soldiers arriving at Fort Sill with an exceptional family member must contact Reynolds Army Community Hospital Exceptional Family Member Program, Building 4300 Thomas Street, (580) 458-3460 or DSN 866-3460. "ALL" active duty soldiers with identified EFMs must apply for EFMP enrollment. Failure to apply for enrollment may result in reassignment to a location that cannot meet a family member's special medical or educational needs and sanctions may be imposed against soldiers who knowingly conceal information about an EFM and fail or refuse to apply for enrollment. The EFMP manager at ACS acts as a liaison between the family and community agencies. Call (580) 442-5018 at ACS for more information.

For school bus transportation for an exceptional family member, contact Lawton Public Schools Transportation Center, 248-3255.

See Education, Medical, and Support Services Categories for additional information on services for the exceptional family member.

Household Goods In-Bound Shipments

If you have a shipment enroute to Fort Sill, you should contact the Inbound Section of the Transportation Office, (580) 442-3600/3824 or DSN 639-3600/3824, and provide a contact telephone number and/or address. Calling early may help avoid delays in scheduling delivery of your personal property. At the time of delivery to your residence, you should have your copy of the inventory available to ensure you receive the total amount shipped. Refer to the Subject Area "Before You Move" in the category Survival Tips for First Termers.

Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments

This information is designed for military personnel and family members who are preparing for shipment of household goods.

Arrangements for personal property shipment begins at the Transportation Office, (580) 442-3903 or DSN 639-3903, once you have received your orders. Appointments are not required; however, customers must arrive not later than 1530 to be served. The Transportation Office will need six copies of your orders and any amendments you may have to complete the documentation. Service members can appoint someone else to conduct their shipment plans for them; however, the appointment must be in writing and can be either an informal authorization or a power of attorney.

See below for information on weight allowances as each pay grade has its own weight allowance.

See the "Before You Move" Subject Area in the Survival Tips for First Termers category for detailed information.

Household Goods Claims

The first step in the process is the submission of the DD Form 1840/1840R, Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery/Notice of Loss or Damage, to the Claims Office, (580) 442-4363/2317 or DSN 8639-4363/2317. You must submit all three original copies of the form. These forms are pink and were given to you by the carrier when your property was delivered to you. Your paperwork must be submitted by 1115 to allow the staff sufficient time to properly serve you.

You must list all missing property and all specific damages to your property using the correct inventory number before submitting the form to the claims office before the 70th day after delivery. This information advises the carrier of the items to be included on your claim. Claims for items that are not reported until after the 70th day may not be paid by the claims office or by the carrier. All claims must be submitted within two years of the incident.

A properly submitted claim for household goods must contain the documents listed below. If one or more of these documents is missing from your claim, it will delay the completion of your claim.

- a. DD Form 1842 (Claim for Loss of or Damage to Personal Property Incident to Service).
- b. DD Form 1844 (List of Property and Claims Analysis Chart).
- c. Government Bill of Lading (may be obtained from the Transportation Office).
- d. Origin inventory. If you do not have a copy of your origin inventory, the claims office will get a copy for you. Your claim cannot be completed until you enter the inventory numbers on all the appropriate forms. Whether the inventory is requested by yourself or the claims office, it may take several weeks or months to get a copy of your inventory from the carrier.
- e. DD Form 1164 (Service Order for Personal Property). If your property was in long-term storage and then delivered to you, this is the document prepared by the Transportation Office that authorized the storage.
- f. DD Form 1840/1840R (Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery/Notice of Loss or Damage)
- g. Copy of authorization for storage if your property was stored while in transit and the authorized storage was extended beyond the normal time allowed.
- h. Copy of your storage contact if your property was converted from storage at Government expense to your own expense.
- i. Original estimates of repair for damaged items.
- j. Original estimates or receipts for replacement costs of missing items.

Household Goods Weight Allowances

The allowance includes the weight of household goods, unaccompanied baggage, and non-temporary storage. Anything exceeding the maximum weight allowance must be paid for by the service member.

Estimating the weight of your household goods is very important. An easy and fairly dependable method for making this estimate is to figure 1,000 pounds per room (not including storage rooms or bathrooms), then add the estimated weight of large appliances and items in the garage, storage rooms, basement, etc. As a double check later, you can count the number of items on the inventory form used by the carrier. Then multiply the number by 40 pounds. If you think your household goods will exceed the weight allowance, call the Transportation Office and they can estimate the costs associated with the excess weight.

Household Goods Weight Allowances

| <i>Grade</i> | <i>Allowance w/Dependents</i> | <i>Allowance wo/Dependents</i> |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| E1 | 5,000 | 1,500 |
| E2 | 5,000 | 1,500 |
| E3 | 5,000 | 2,000 |
| E4 | 8,000 | 7,000 |
| E5 | 9,000 | 7,000 |
| E6 | 11,000 | 8,000 |
| E7 | 12,500 | 10,500 |
| E8 | 13,500 | 11,000 |
| E9 | 14,500 | 12,000 |
| W-1 | 12,000 | 10,000 |
| W-2 | 13,500 | 12,500 |
| W-3 | 14,500 | 13,000 |
| W-4 | 17,000 | 14,000 |
| O-1 | 12,000 | 10,000 |
| O-2 | 13,500 | 13,000 |
| O-3 | 14,500 | 13,000 |
| O-4 | 17,000 | 14,000 |
| O-5 | 17,500 | 16,000 |
| O-6+ | 18,000 | 18,000 |

POV In-Bound Shipments

If you are receiving a privately owned vehicle coming from overseas, the shipping document (Form DD 788) that will be provided at origin will advise you of what port the vehicle will be arriving. The Fort Sill Transportation Office does not receive notification on inbound privately owned vehicles.

The closest Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) for soldiers assigned to Fort Sill is in Dallas, Texas, located at 617 East Main Street, Lewisville, Texas 75067. The hours of operation are 0800 to 1600 Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays. Phone numbers are 1-800-438-2046 or (214) 436-6474. Directions from Fort Sill are as follows: Take I-44 South to Wichita Falls. At Wichita Falls, take 287 to Decatur, then take 380 to Denton. In Denton, take I-35E South to Exit 452. Turn left; you are on Main Street. Pass three traffic lights and a railroad crossing; then turn left.

Picking up a vehicle at the Dallas VPC is very quick and easy. Be sure to take the following: An extra set of keys (in case something happened to the set that you shipped with the vehicle); your copy of the DD Form 788

(Shipping Document) [retain a copy to support any claim you have for your one-way travel to the port as you will need to give it to Finance with the DD 1351-2 (Travel Voucher)]; personal/military identification;

power of attorney or signed letter of authorization if picking up a vehicle for someone else.

POV Out-Bound Shipments

The Fort Sill Transportation Office does not make arrangements for POV shipments. An exception is made when a service member dies or becomes disabled while at Fort Sill. Please refer to the RELOCATION SERVICES, Category POV In-Bound Shipments, for directions to the Dallas Vehicle Processing Center. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance. The VPC is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. It is closed on federal holidays.

POV Claims

The DD Form 788 (Shipping Document) is needed for filing a POV claim. If the vehicle has body damage, two estimates of repair will be needed. If something is stolen out of the vehicle, a replacement cost estimate will also be required. For information, call the Claims Office, (580) 442-4363/2317 or DSN 639-4363/2317.

Inspect vehicle(s) thoroughly at the port, write down any exceptions at that time, and get the inspector's signature. Once you leave the port area, generally, damages not listed will not be payable. You must submit POV claims within two years of the date the shipment or partial shipment was received.

Pet Boarding/Kennels

The Fort Sill Veterinary Treatment Facility, (580) 442-3416 or DSN 639-3416, only impounds stray animals. No boarding or kennel service is available. If you are staying at the Geronimo Lodge on Fort Sill, your pet is allowed to stay there. When you make reservations, be sure to tell them you have a pet.

The names, location, and telephone numbers of the veterinary clinics in the Lawton community can be found in the Lawton phone book or by calling the Relocation Manager. You should make arrangements for boarding your pet before you arrive. To board at a local veterinary clinic, your pet must have current vaccinations. The average daily cost to board your pet is \$7.

Pet Licensing

Dogs and cats are required to have a city tag, obtainable at Fort Sill Veterinary Treatment Facility, (580) 442-3416 or DSN 639-3416, or Lawton Animal Welfare, 2104 South 6th Street, (580) 581-3218. A fee of \$15 is required for the city tag. A citation will be given if the animal is caught without proper tags. Dogs must be on a leash or confined to a yard. There is no boarding facility for horses on the installation. Large animals such as horses are required to have a large animal permit. Birds, reptiles, ferrets, etc. are not required to be licensed. Call Lawton Animal Welfare for more information.

Pet Quarantines

No quarantines are required for new pets arriving in Oklahoma; however, any time a pet bites a person, the animal is required to be quarantined for 10 days, either at the Fort Sill Veterinary Treatment Facility or at any civilian veterinary clinic or hospital that has a licensed veterinarian on staff.

Veterinary Services

Services provided to pets of active duty and retired military, on an appointment basis, by the Fort Sill Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 721 Macomb Road, (580) 442-3416 or DSN 639-3416, consist of: routine vaccination (including rabies), heartworm and internal parasite prevention and control, issue of health certificates, and an outpatient "sick call" clinic. Surgery is not authorized at this facility. Emergencies will be referred to a civilian veterinarian.

If residing in on-post government quarters, you will not be allowed to have more than three privately

owned pets. Pets will be kept indoors or secured outdoors on the owner's premises. Outdoor housing for pets will be of the portable type, i.e. wire fence or dog house. The portable housing must be taken down upon your departure from the installation.

Pet Transportation

If you are planning to take your pet with you to your new destination, ensure you contact the Veterinary Clinic and gather information about the laws concerning pets in the area you are moving. Some countries have strict laws concerning pets. (Some breed of dogs are not allowed in certain countries.)

By Air:

Most airlines allow only a limited number of pets in cargo per flight. Call at least three days before the flight to make arrangements. If you have to change planes, you are responsible for seeing that the pet is transferred at the connecting point.

Use a regulation kennel/crate for your pet. You can buy these at most exchanges, from the airline, or pet stores. Allow your pet to become used to being in the kennel/crate well in advance of traveling by encouraging it to sleep or even eat and drink while in the kennel/crate. This will allow your pet to feel relaxed during travel.

Be sure to have proper identification. On the outside of the kennel/crate, print your name and address and the pet's destination. Include your pet's name, so the attendants can talk to the animal. Place a tag with your name, address, and the pet's destination on a collar around the pet's neck, because on rare occasions, pets can escape from kennels/crates and might require identification. Place a comfortable pad or the pet's bedding in the kennel/crate and add a favorite toy or two. Also, attach a copy of the health, rabies, and import certificates.

Exercise the pet lightly before departing. Feed a light meal no less than 6 hours before departing and remove water 2 hours before, except on hot days. Provide a water dish with the kennel/crate, so attendants can provide water during stopovers. If the trip lasts longer than 24 hours, provide some food (dry is best). Federal law requires freight to provide water every 12 hours.

Make sure your pet has no health problems. A health certificate, completed by a veterinarian, will be needed if traveling by air. Be sure to hand carry all documents with you, including vaccination

certificates, health certificates, and import certificates when required.

You are responsible for the airline ticket for your pet. Check with your local airlines for prices.

By car:

Dogs can travel well by car, if they are trained to sit, not to hang out of the window, and not to bark. If your dog is not used to long car rides, a long trip can cause car sickness.

The first signs of car sickness are drooling, followed by restlessness and anxiety. Vomiting may occur. If you stop the car and let your dog out for some exercise, he'll feel better. You can also plan ahead and get some motion sickness pills from your vet. These usually need to be given 30 minutes before the trip starts.

Cats are usually frightened of car travel and may be more comfortable in a carrier.

Overnight accommodations are more involved if you are traveling with a pet. Auto clubs and hotel/motel guides provide information and restrictions.

PCS Reporting Procedures

Upon arrival, permanently assigned service members must report to the Personnel Processing Branch or Welcome Center, Building 3164 Jones Road, Monday - Friday, from 0730-1600. The soldier must turn in his/her 201 file, Finance packet, Education records, DA Form 31, and Promotion packet, if applicable. Also, soldiers must sign in their medical and dental records. After these hours shown above, soldiers should sign in at the transit billets, Building 2746.

During normal duty hours, enlisted soldiers who are in Basic Training should report to 95th AG Bn (Reception Station), Building 2860. Advanced Individual Training (AIT) students should report to Building 6007 or 6018, 2d Bn, 80th Regiment, (580) 442-5818 or DSN 639-5818; BNCOC and ANCOC students report to Building 3662, (580) 442-6328/6382 or DSN 639-6328/6382. Officer Basic Course (OBC) students and Officer Advance Course (OAC) students should report to Building 730, Snow Hall, (580) 442-2301 or DSN 639-2301. All others arriving after duty hours report to Housing Division (Altman Hall), Building 5676, (580) 442-5000 or DSN 639-5000.

A one-day inprocessing period is normal at Fort Sill.

0730 Education Center; 0750 Army Community Service briefing; 0815 Child and Youth Services 0835 TRICARE/Dental briefing; 0855 Put Prevention into Practice; 0920 Housing/Govt Quarters briefing; 1020 Finance Travel; 1145 - 1255 lunch; 1300 Financial Processing; 1400 EFMP; 1515 turn in PPIP.

NOTE: It is mandatory for all soldiers regardless of rank to attend "Put Prevention Into Practice Briefing" at 0855 and turn in PPIP assessment at 1515.

Separation Procedures

Services offered by Transition Management, (580) 442-5325, include the following: retirement out processing, officers separations, enlisted separations (chapters, ETS, REFRAD, USA/ARNG out processing), transition orientation, and final separation briefings.

Retirement Services, (580) 442-6605/4009 or DSN 639-6605/4009, offer a complete one-stop processing of retirement applications. This office is also an ongoing source of information concerning rights, benefits, and privileges to which retirees, their family members, and survivors may be entitled.

The goal of the Army Career and Alumni Program, (580) 442-2617/4780 or DSN 639-2617/4780, is to assist every soldier, civilian employee, and family member in making a successful transition to the civilian sector by providing information on all the benefits they have earned during their military service and by referring them to services which will help them accomplish their goals.

The Fort Sill Job Assistance Center, (580) 442-2617/4780 or DSN 639-2617/4780, offers many services to transitioning soldiers, civil service employees, and their family members. Services include in-depth job search training, seminars and workshops, individual counseling, a job seeker's library, and a computer lab complete with software packages designed to enhance job-searching success.

Billeting

Billeting/temporary lodging is available on the installation. Contact the Billeting office, (580) 442-5000 or toll-free # 1-877-902-3607, for information.

Unaccompanied PCS

Housing for bachelor officers and senior enlisted is handled through the Housing Management Division.

Senior NCOs may live off post and draw single basic allowance for quarters arranged with Finance and Accounting Division. Staff Sergeants and below who want to draw single rate BAH must have prior approval from the Housing Management Division.

All incoming military personnel who plan to live off post must process through the Community Homefinding, Relocation and Referral Services (CHRRS), Building 4700 Mow-Way (North Entrance), before agreeing to buy, rent, or lease.

Be certain that your spouse and older children are aware of your financial system: bills, checkbook, lock boxes, bonds, insurance, etc. Be sure that all ID cards are valid. Check the automobile your spouse will be using to be sure it is in good repair, that all registrations and licenses are current, and that family members know where they are. You may want to check into getting a power of attorney for your spouse.

Military personnel are available at the Lawton airport to answer any questions you may have. They may be able to arrange transportation for you to Fort Sill and taxicab service is always available at the airport.

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| Name: Finance & Accounting (Military) |
| Phone: 580-442-2192 |
| DSN Phone: 639-2192 |

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| Name: Housing Management Div -(CHRRS) |
| Address: Building 4700-N Mow-Way Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-6819/4949 |
| FAX: 580-442-7274 |
| DSN Phone: 639-6819/4949 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7274 |

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| Name: Relocation Readiness Program |
| Address: 4700Mow-Way Road (North Entrance) |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5018 |
| FAX: 580-442-7617 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5018 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7617 |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/acs/relo.htm |

Support Services

Support Services Overview

The Fort Sill-Lawton community offers a wide variety of support services programs which address any pursuit you may be interested in and have staff ready to answer any questions you may have. Call the Relocation Program Manager at ACS, (580) 442-5018, for phone numbers for support services.

Family Centers

For more information on this subject:

Fort Sill ACS Home Page

<http://sill-www.army.mil/acs/>

Army Community Service, (580) 442-5018, provides centrally located services to help you and your family solve personal and family challenges beyond the scope of your own resources. Visit ACS in Building 4700 (North entrance) on Mow-Way Road, or call (580) 442-5018 and ask for the Relocation Program Manager.

Information and Referral

The Information and Referral trained staff at Army Community Service, (580) 442-4357/5018, will assist you with any issue or answer any questions you may have about the Lawton-Fort Sill area. If unable to serve you in-house, they will refer you to appropriate community agencies.

The Lawton Helpline, (580) 355-7575, a United Way Agency 24-hour community information and referral service, offers referrals for the following areas: drug and alcohol, family problems, financial difficulties, counseling needs, community concerns, senior citizen activities, crisis intervention, and food assistance.

Financial Assistance Programs

The Financial Management Section of Army Community Service provides guidance and assistance to those experiencing money management difficulties or for those who wish to be in control of their finances. Classes taught on a regular basis are Financial Readiness, Credit, Insurance, Budget Development, Debt Liquidation, Consumer Affairs, Financial Awareness, Check Writing Mistakes, and Financial Planning. Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a non-profit contracted debt-counseling service, is also available to work with your creditors. See Emergency Food Assistance subject below for additional information.

Emergency Assistance

Soldiers and their families experiencing financial difficulties and having no food or funds can be given a food voucher by ACS. The food voucher is redeemable at the Fort Sill Commissary ONLY.

Army Emergency Relief, (580) 442-2946/3247, provides emergency financial assistance through interest-free loans, grants, or a combination loan/grant.

They also provide assistance with scholarships for dependent children only. To receive assistance, see your unit commander, then come by the AER office. Assistance includes: initial rent and deposit, payment of rent to prevent eviction, house and trailer payments, motel/hotel or guest house payments, emergency shelter, food, utilities (except cable), essential repairs on one POV, medical/dental expenses when medically required down payment cannot be deferred through usual payment plans, funeral expenses, required travel expenses due to emergency leave, emergency travel, convalescent leave, extraordinary costs in meeting port call or PCS, clothing, fire or other disaster after Red Cross assistance, and other privation prevention.

To apply for an AER loan, you will need: an application (DA Form 1103), your latest leave and earnings statement, a valid ID card, and documentation supporting the need for the loan.

The American Red Cross, (580) 442-2426 or 353-0275, also offers services during times of emergency. These services include: counseling, communication assistance, guidance with regard to government benefits, verification of emergency situations at home to support leave requests, and financial assistance on the basis of need to meet emergencies.

The Red Cross, Comanche County Chapter, 401 West Gore Boulevard, Lawton is also available to assist you.

Family Advocacy

The Family Advocacy Program, (580) 442-4916/5018 or DSN 639-5018, is designed to break the cycle of abuse by identifying abuse as early as possible and providing treatment for affected family members. The program promotes through public awareness, child and spouse abuse prevention, identification, reporting, investigation, and treatment. Intervention services are coordinated with professionals at all levels within the civilian and military communities, including Law Enforcement, Social Work Services, Health Services, and Legal

Services. Support Services offered are parent education programs, classes on stress management, anger control, and family violence prevention.

Social Work Services, Building 2442 Crane Road, (580) 442-4351, provides spouse/child abuse counseling, marriage counseling, individual counseling, and group counseling. Parenting classes are also available. A case manager is on call 24 hours a day for reports of child/spouse abuse and sexual assault or rape, (580) 442-4351/5178 or DSN 639-4351/5178. The case manager on call can be reached through the emergency room, Reynolds Army Community Hospital, after duty hours, (580) 458-2770.

Single Member Services

Fort Sill's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program (BOSS), (580) 442-6346, improves and enhances the total Quality of Life for single soldiers. While the initial focus of BOSS was primarily on recreational activities, the program allows the single soldier to have a strong voice in all post actions. There are several activities throughout the year that are sponsored by BOSS. Some of the programs sponsored by BOSS are Barracks Life Initiative, Soldiers Entertainment Center, Boss Bash, and Wings of Eagles.

Support Groups

Army Community Service, (580) 442-5018, Social Work Services, (580) 442-4833, Drug and Alcohol, (580) 442-4205, and Family Life Center, (580) 442-5003, provide a wide variety of support services for our military personnel and family members. Also support groups for specialized needs can be found in the Lawton community. Call the Lawton Helpline, (580) 355-7575, or Army Community Service, 580-442-5018, to find out about support groups in the area.

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Fort Sill Directorate of Community Activities (DCA), is proud to offer a variety of exciting leisure activities available to active duty military members, their family members, retirees, and DOD civilians working on the installation. You and your family are encouraged to participate in the fun and adventurous activities available in sports, outdoor recreation, entertainment, crafts, and other enriching programs.

You may find lots of information about Fort Sill's Community and Family

programs by visiting the DCA Morale, Welfare, and Recreation web site below.

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| Name: Morale, Welfare and Recreation |
| WWW Link: http://www.sillmwr.com |

Chapel Services and Programs

Fort Sill's Post Chaplain Office, (580) 442-5795 or DSN 639-5795, offers a wide spectrum of religious activities for soldiers, Marines, civilians, retirees, and their family members. Weekly events include worship and religious education services for Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Islamic, Orthodox, and denominational communities of faith.

Drug and Alcohol

The Fort Sill Army Substance Abuse Program, (580) 442-4205 or DSN 639-4205, is a mandated commanders program that offers four major program areas: Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Bio-chemical Drug Testing, Education and Training, and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for DOD civilians, military retirees, and all family members. They also provide consultations and training for supervisors.

Legal Assistance

The Fort Sill Legal Assistance Office provides legal assistance to active duty and retired soldiers, reserve soldiers on active duty for more than 29 days, and authorized family members.

The legal assistance program consists of both client services and preventive law programs. Attorneys, legal technicians, notaries, and legal specialists assist clients with their personal legal matters. Private business activities, employment issues, military justice matters, claims and lawsuits against the Government, and standards of conduct issues are outside the scope of legal assistance.

Attorney advise is available in the areas of divorce, paternity, separation, annulment, adoption, family support, guardianship, child custody and visitation, name changes, contracts, credit, taxes, bankruptcy, consumer complaints, Soldiers and Sailors' Civil Relief Act issues, testamentary wills, durable powers of attorney, advance directives, survivorship affidavits, and various military administrative matters such as reports of survey, line of duty investigations, relief for cause, letters of reprimand, Article 138 complaints, hardship discharges, compassionate reassignments, correction of military records, and NCOER/OER appeals.

Scheduled appointments may be made Monday-Friday beginning at 1300 either in person or by telephone. Walk-in appointments on a first-come, first-served basis are available each Tuesday. Powers of attorney and notary service are available each weekday morning, except Thursday, from 0830-1100. Federal and state income tax preparation, forms, and electronic filing of Federal and state returns are provided January-April at the Income Tax Assistance Center, Building 2591, and in the Legal Assistance Office throughout the remainder of the year. Immigration and naturalization counseling, support affidavits, and application review are available by appointment.

Additional assistance includes: (1) in-court representation of junior-enlisted active duty soldiers on designated legal matters; (2) preventive law programs for soldiers, family members, service agencies, and community groups; (3) fact sheets, pamphlets, and videotapes; and (4) client referrals to participating local civilian attorneys for in-court representation.

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| Name: Legal Assistance Office |
| Address: 2593 Currie Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-442-5058 |
| FAX: 580-442-3034 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5058 |
| DSN FAX: 639-3034 |
| E-Mail: atzrjl@sill.army.mil |

Child And Teen Services

Child and Teen Services Overview

For children and teens with special needs, a special needs team, which consists of the community health nurse, a parent, and a teacher, meets to assess the needs of the child and determine what program under the Child and Youth Services is best for the child or teen. Currently, services are being provided for children with cerebral palsy and children who are hearing impaired and visually impaired.

Child and Youth Services

Child and Youth Services is accredited by the National Association of Education for Young Children and was awarded the TRADOC Program of Excellence award for 1998.

Fort Sill's Child and Youth Services (CYS) Program, offers child and youth services for children, ages 4 weeks through 12 and youths 12 -18 years-old. Services are offered through the Tincher Child Development Center, School-Age Services, Family Child Care, Youth Services, and Supplemental Programs and Services, 580-442-3927 or DSN 639-3927.

A Baby-Sitting Referral List is maintained to assist parents in finding baby-sitter services for short-term, hourly care. Individuals who wish to have their names placed on the list must be at least 13 years of age, have completed a recognized baby-sitting course, and be currently certified in Adult CPR, Infant/Child CPR, and First Aid 580-442-3927, or DSN 639-3927.

Children 0 - 6 years old

Quality developmental child care is offered through Tincher Child Development Center (TCDC), 4122 Bragg Road, 580-442-2320, or DSN 639-2320. Children 4-weeks - 5-yrs are serviced in a state of the art facility, with diversified age-appropriate programs. Full day, preschool part day, hourly, and kindergarten before/after programs are offered.

The pre-school age program offers a 2, 3, or 5-day developmental program with one 3-hour morning class for children 3 to 6 years of age.

School-Age Services - Ages 6-11 years

The School-age Services (SAS) offers a variety of programs for children ages 6-11. SAS has an active sports program, and a pre-teen council which meets monthly. This council is instrumental in planning social and leisure programs for their peers, 580-442-6745, or DSN 639-6745.

Family Child Care (FCC)

Offers government quarter-based child care for children 4-weeks through 12 years of age. Quality developmental child care is provided by fully trained and authorized military family members (usually spouses) operating as independent contractors. FCC offers flexibility in child care hours; i.e.; hourly, full-day, 24 hours care, and long term care, 580-442-4836, or DSN 639-4836.

Youth Services (YS) - Teens

Activities mentioned above for youths, 6-11 years, are also available for youths over the age of 12. Teens may also work in the YS credit program. This program is designed to give teens the opportunity to gain work experience.

Youth Services also has a Teen Council. The goals of the Teen Council are to: recruit teens to represent and plan activities/programs for teens in the local community; provide council members with training; to effectively market teen programs and opportunities; gain support for teen programs from the chain of command; work with local schools, churches, and youth organizations to increase awareness of teen programs and create a cooperative environment for future programs/activities.

Youth Services' state-of-the-art computer lab is open seven days a week. There is always a qualified lab instructor on duty to work with the youth on the computers, 580-442-2844, or DSN 639-2844.

New Parent Program

Army Community Service Parent Support Program is designed to provide educational programs on violence and abuse prevention. The program is geared to inexperienced first time parents, single parents, parents who have a child with special needs, and geographically separated or isolated families. Contact the Family Advocacy Program Manager for more information, (580) 442-5018.

Fort Sill Community Health, Building 2776, offers childbirth classes and breastfeeding classes. Follow-up home visits are conducted after the child is born.

The Armed Services YMCA, located at 201 South 4th Street, Lawton, OK, conducts two exciting programs for new parents. The Sharing -Caring Moms program is geared for infants up to 2 years. Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm. The Mom & Tots group is for tots ages 2 to 5. Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Both groups offer support to first-time parents.

The County Health Department, located at 1010 SW Sheridan Road, Lawton, OK, conducts support programs for new parents. The classes will be conducted by two therapists, and involve group interaction. For more information, you can contact them by calling (580) 248-5890.

Child Care Programs - on Installation

Child and Youth Services (CYS) has been certified by the Department of Defense. The following programs are offered by CYS.

Central Registration (CR), (580) 442-3927 or DSN 639-3927, provides ONE-STOP Child registry services for patrons and can handle all your child care needs on the installation. This office also acts as a resource and referral office for off-post child care. A waiting list is maintained for infant and toddler care. To add your name to this list, please call the CR office. To register, please allow yourself 45 to 55 minutes to complete all the required paper work. You must have each child's immunization record when you register.

A non-refundable, annual family registration fee (\$35) is due at the time of registration for all the programs under CYS. Full-day fees are based on the total family income and range from \$163 to \$376 per month. There is a 15% discount for the second child. Part-time preschool and before/after school kindergarten fees are based on 40% to 60% of the full-day fee. No preference is given to personnel PCSing to the installation.

Tincher Child Development Center, (580) 442-2320 or DSN 639-2320, offers the following programs for children 6 weeks through 5 years old: full day, part day, part day pre school, before/after kindergarten, and hourly child care.

The Family Child Care program, (580) 442-4836 or DSN 639-4836, offers government quarters-based child care for children 4 weeks through 12 years, by authorized military family members operating as independent contractors. Family Child Care provides hourly, full-day, 24-hour, and long-term care. Family members living in government quarters are certified to provide services before/after school, weekends, during holidays, and for extended periods. Registration for Family Child Care is through Central Registration (see above).

School-age Services, (580) 442-6745/5324 or DSN 639-6745/5324 offers before/after school programs, age 6 - 11. Children enjoy safe, age-appropriate activities.

Youth Services (YS), (580) 442-2844, or DSN 639-2844, offers a variety of recreational and developmental programs for youths. This program is designed to provide services for youths 12 - 18 years old. Coordination is made between SAS and YS to

ensure age-appropriate recreational activities and equipment are included in the curriculum. Children enrolled in the SAS program participate in many of the activities at the Youth Center.

Child Care Programs - Community

The Fort Sill Child and Youth Services counts with at least two state of the art facilities (Tincher Child Development Center, 4122 Bragg Road; and Youth Services Center, 6599 Lucas Road). In addition, school-age services are provided in a totally renovated facility, building 1721 Grubber Road. This facility also counts with a state of the art LAB, used for fun, games, learning, and homework.

The Comanche County Department of Human Services Child Care Services, (580) 250-3700, manages the child care programs for the Lawton community. Programs offered are: day care centers, family child care homes, before/after school programs, preschools, summer enrichment programs for children, and mother's day out programs.

The State of Oklahoma requires licensing for all individuals offering child care services.

Armed Services YMCA, (580) 355-5520, provides child care to suit your needs. Whether you volunteer, shop, or just spend time with friends, you can bring your children for the day or just for a few hours. Child care is available for children 6 weeks to 5 years old. Reservations are made the day the child care is needed.

Many of the local churches offer child care services. Refer to the Lawton phone book under churches.

Things To Do - Clubs and Social

You can find active chapters of Boy Scouts (6th grade through age 17), (580) 357-3633, Cub Scouts, (1st - 5th grade), (580) 357-3633, and Girl Scouts, (1st grade through age 17), (580) 355-2497. Camps are held each year on the installation. Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts accept children with special needs.

Youth Services, (580) 442-2844, sponsors a Pre-Teen Council, instrumental in planning social and leisure programs for youths in grades 7-12. Meetings are conducted on Saturdays each month at the Youth Center, building 6599 Lucas Road.

Children in age group 6-12 whose parents work are eligible to enroll in the school-age before/after school program. These youths have access to the pre-teen

game room, where there are pool tables, foosball, and other popular games available, 580-442-6745, or DSN 639-6745, building 1721 Grubber Road.

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, (580) 357-7541, offers two distinct programs for children this summer. The cost will be \$5 per day per child plus the membership fee of \$15 a year.

The Heart of Oklahoma Council of Camp Fire, (580) 355-0666, offers several camps throughout the year.

Things To Do - Recreation and Sports

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The recreation and sports programs are sponsored by the Lawton Parks and Recreation Program. The sports include soccer, football, basketball, baseball, girl's softball, coach pitch, and t-ball. To register for these programs, call the Lawton Parks and Recreation Program, (580) 581-3400. These programs are not available to children with special needs. Each school has its own sports program. Call the school your child will be attending to find out what sports are available.

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There is a bowling league on Saturdays for teens at the Twin Oaks Bowling Center, (580) 442-4050. Also, there are several pools open during the summer, (580) 442-6425. Youth Services, (580) 442-6745, sponsors baseball and football. Call Youth Services to register for these programs. No lessons are offered on post.

Schools

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade who live on the installation attend one of two public grade schools: Geronimo Road Elementary or Sheridan Road Elementary. Both are a part of the Lawton Public School System. Attendance at any of the other 32 elementary schools is determined by the school district in which you live.

To enroll in kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age before September 2nd. Shot records, social security number, and birth certificates are required for first admissions.

The school year generally runs from early August to mid May. Free bus transportation is provided to elementary students living 1 mile or more from their assigned schools.

Each school has a food service facility. Free and reduced priced lunches are available for students who meet eligibility requirements.

The Lawton Public School System now has extended day-care facilities at 26 sites throughout the district. A fee is required; however, a sliding scale is available.

Call the Lawton Public School Transportation Center, (580) 248-3255, to arrange school bus transportation for children with special needs.

School Age Care

School-age Services (SAS), 580-442-6745, DSN 639-6745 offers before/after school services. Your child will be active in a variety of developmentally appropriate activities and learning experiences.

A diversity of opportunities for child-initiated activities is the central theme of a curriculum based on the most recent principles of child growth and development.

SAS MISSION: To provide recreational opportunities and experiences that encourage, support, and nurture young people. To create safe environments that challenge young people to develop positive life skills, resourcefulness, dignity, integrity, pride, courage, and respect for themselves and others.

SAS PHILOSOPHY: To provide a fun, safe place to learn and grow; to provide on-going relationships with caring adult professionals; to provide life enhancing programs and character development experiences; to provide hope and opportunity.

PROVIDE SKILLS IN 4 SERVICE AREAS:

- *Life skills, citizenship, and leadership
- *Mentoring, intervention, and support services
- *Arts, leisure, and recreation
- *Sports and fitness

The Lawton Public Schools, (580) 357-6900, has extended before/after school programs at 26 sites throughout the district. A fee is required; however, a sliding scale is available

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| Name: Lawton Public School |
| WWW Link: http://www.lawtonps.org/LPS/index.asp |

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| Name: School Age Services (SAS) |
| Address: 1721 Gruber Road |
| PO BOX 33313 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-6745 |
| DSN Phone: 639-6745 |
| WWW Link: http://www.sillmwr.com/sas.htm |

Religious Programs

Fort Sill Religious Services offers an array of religious programs for youth which include: youth bible study, youth fellowship, Sunday School, Children's Church, and Vacation Bible School.

The majority of the churches in the Lawton community offer youth programs and camps throughout the year.

Special Events

The following special events are an example of some of the events offered in the Lawton-Fort Sill community:

Camp Cowabunga - Fort Sill Youth Services sponsors a day camp for children with special needs in grades 1-12. Held in July, it is open to family members of active duty, retirees, reserve and national guard, and DOD civilians working on Fort Sill on a space available basis.

Basketball Camp - Offered every summer for youth entering grades 3-9 by Fort Sill Youth Services. You will receive instruction and practice in dribbling, shooting, and passing. A \$25 program fee is required.

Summer Day Camp - Fort Sill Youth Services sponsors the ongoing camp through August. The camp is for children grades kindergarten through six. Cost is \$55-\$65 per week. Activities include swimming, bowling, arts and crafts, computers, field trips, and more. Call (580) 442-6745 for more information.

Lawton Public Library - Offers the "Pandemonium Program," a 6-week program during the summer. For more information, call (580) 581-3450.

Giddy-Up-N-Go - Suncrest Stables, will be holding its 10-week summer program from June-August. Rides will take place once a week. Individuals with disabilities can schedule the sessions at \$12.50 a session.

YMCA - "Infinite Bounds," a program where young adults from age 12-16, schedule their own activities within set parameters. For more information, call (580) 355-9622.

YMCA - "Midnight Madness," a summer basketball night league, is available for teens 16-20 years of age. This enrichment program is free. For registration information, call (580) 355-9622.

Summer Dance Camp - Includes intermediate and advanced levels of ballet, variations, and character classes. Cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, call (580) 248-3626.

American Lung Association Annual Asthma Camp - The camp offers a mixture of fun and asthma education for children, including hiking, archery, horseback riding, and arts and crafts. Cost is \$200, and scholarships are available. For more information, call (580) 747-3441 or 1-800-647-5864.

Lawton Public Schools - Offers over 155 separate enrichment programs throughout the summer. Tuition is different for each of the courses. For more information, call (580) 357-6900.

Sponsorship and Support

Youth Services on Fort Sill does have an active sponsorship program. Teen and pre-teen councils host parties to welcome newcomers. Military youth coming to the Fort Sill area are encouraged to request a sponsor by contacting the local Army Community Service (ACS)Center, Youth Center, or the Lawton Public Schools.

Our sponsors are volunteer youth trained in the sponsorship/ambassadorship program and are ready to inform you about all the relocation opportunities in the Lawton/Fort Sill areas.

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| Name: Lawton Public Schools |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| WWW Link: http://www.lawtonps.org/LPS/index.asp |

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| Name: Lawton Youth Center |
| City: Lawton, OK 73502 |
| WWW Link: http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/youthservices/ |

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| Name: Relocation Assistance (Army Community Service) |
| Address: 4700 Mow-Way Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5018 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5018 |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/acs/ |

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| Name: Youth Center-Fort Sill |
| Address: 6599 Lucas Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-2844 |
| DSN Phone: 639-2844 |
| WWW Link: http://www.sillmwr.com/YS.htm |

Youth Employment

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Youth Services conducts Red Cross babysitting classes for youths ages 11 through 18. Teens who wish to be on the babysitting referral list must have completed a recognized babysitting course and be currently certified in Adult CPR, Infant/Child CPR, and First Aid, and must be at least 13 years old.

Youths 15 years and above interested in becoming lifeguards on the installation must attend the "Lifeguard Today" class provided by the American Red Cross, (580) 353-0275. Classes are offered in January or February each year. The class is 36 hours and costs approximately \$85.

For Fort Sill employment, teens must process through the Civilian Personnel Office, 1721 Gruber Road, phone (580) 442-3257 or DSN 639-3257. There are a few jobs available each summer for students age 16 or older through the Summer Hire Program.

Volunteer opportunities are available for teenagers with the American Red Cross on Fort Sill, (580) 355-8620.

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Most jobs for teens are in retail sales, fast food, and movie theaters.

Teens desiring employment in the Lawton community must be at least 16 years old, possess a social security card and some form of identification (Military ID, driver's license or driver's permit). They must call for an appointment to register for employment. They will need to pick up employment forms before their appointment. The appointment to register for employment will last about 1 1/2 hours.

Take completed forms with you to this appointment. Call the Oklahoma State Employment office, (580) 357-3500, for more information.

Teens with special needs can contact the Oklahoma State Employment Office, (580) 357-3500, or Goodwill Industries, (580) 355-2163, for job opportunities.

Volunteer opportunities for teens are available at Comanche County Memorial Hospital, (580) 355-8620.

Youth Centers

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Youth Center, building 6599 Lucas Road, 580-442-2844, or DSN 639-2844, offer sports, teen and pre-teen programs, dances, and trips and other activities geared to our military teen-agers. Offers many sports and counts with a state of the art facility which includes a basketball court, game rooms, soccer, basket ball, football teams/games, line-skating and much more.

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The YMCA, (580) 355-9622, offers many programs throughout the year to include "Out of School Specials," where the entire day is packed with interesting things to do, mainly games, tournaments, frisbee, softball and football throws, swimming, relays, etc. The YMCA is the only center in the state that offers the "Midnight Madness" summer night basketball league for teens 15 years of age through 20 years of age.

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| Name: Youth Services |
| Address: 6599 Lucas Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-2844 |
| DSN Phone: 639-2844 |
| WWW Link: http://www.sillmwr.com/YS.htm |

For Teens Only

For more information on this subject:

Lawton Police Department
<http://www.lawtonpd.com/>

Programs on the installation and in the Lawton community award you the opportunity to be an important asset to your school, your community, and most of all to yourself. Hopefully, the information that follows will give you a better understanding of your new environment.

The school year generally runs from mid August to the end of May.

The Lawton Public School System has three high schools and four junior high schools. If you reside on the installation, you will attend Central Junior High School and Lawton Senior High School. Depending on where you live in the Lawton community, you will attend either Eisenhower, Tomlinson, or MacArthur Junior High or High School. Free bus transportation is provided to students living 1 mile or more from their assigned school.

There are no magnet schools in Lawton. A magnet school is one that specializes in one subject area.

To graduate, you will need to accumulate 22 credit hours in grades 9-12, which consist of the following: 4 units of English, 1 unit of World Studies, 1 unit of United States History, 1/2 unit of Oklahoma History, 1 1/2 units of American Studies, 2 units of mathematics, 2 units of Science, and 11 1/2 units of electives. Students are required to have a minimum of 24 credits before they can graduate, classes include the following: 4 units of English, 3 units of math (Algebra I and above), 3 Units of science (includes Biology), 2 Fine Arts, 3.5 Social Studies, .5 OK History or Am Studies II, 1 unit U.S. History, 1 unit World History, .5 unit U.S. Government, and .5 Geography.

*Some applied courses may be substituted for the technical areas. See your counselor for these special listings.

The numerical grading system: A = 3.5 - 4.0; B = 2.5 - 3.49; C = 1.5 - 2.49; and D = 0.9 - 1.49; F = less than 0.9.

If you are a high school junior or senior, you can attend day classes during the regular school year at Great Plains Technical School (VoTech). High school students may receive credit toward graduation as well as job training to help after high school. Vocational training can help you begin a new career, better prepare you for college, or help you pay for college. Recruitment efforts for Vo-Tech begin in January. For more information on programs that are available for high school students, call (580) 355-6371, ext 5526.

About 70% of Lawton seniors go on to college.

Upward Bound is a program designed to assist youths planning on going to college. Most of the junior high

and high schools offer teens the opportunity to join the program.

Dress Codes

The Board of Education encourages students to dress conservatively and appropriately during school hours. The following is a list of violations of this Student Code: bare feet, see-through clothing, bare midriff, shorts that are inappropriate (NO cut-offs), hats worn in the building, any article of clothing which includes the name of any beer, wine cooler, alcoholic beverage, tobacco, or any illegal substance, or which in any way depicts such products, is not permitted. Any item of clothing that contains skulls or graphically depicts scenes of violence, death, or other gruesome, macabre, cruel acts, or sexually suggestive materials, and any clothing accessory that could be used as a weapon, such as chain belts, handcuffs, studded gloves, and studded bracelets are not permitted.

Gang-Related Behavior or Incidents

Any behavior or event, including, but not limited to the following items, which has the effect of disrupting school activities or which fosters, enhances, or encourages gang activity in the Lawton Public Schools is prohibited: Possession, wearing, use, distribution, or display of any sign, symbol, badge, color, or other item that is evidence of affiliation with, or membership in a gang. Students are not permitted to wear pants below the waistline (sagging and dragging) or caps, bandannas, handkerchiefs, shoestrings, or any other item associated with gang-related behavior.

Students are encouraged to refrain from wearing particular colors and clothing. Since all schools have different rules, it would be a good idea to call the school you will be attending once you arrive.

Gang Violence

The Lawton-Fort Sill community is located in the "Bible Belt." Gang violence is not a major problem here; however, there are some gangs and gang related activities. The Lawton Police Department will be happy to give you detailed information on gangs and safe places to go in the community. The number is (580) 581-3534 and the hotline number is (580) 581-3270.

Extra-curricular activities

The Lawton Public Schools offers an abundance of extra-curricular activities. The following is only a sample listing. Please contact your assigned school for a complete list.

Afro-American Club - A social-cultural organization initiated for the mutual benefit of any student who expresses an interest in the past, present, and future contribution of the Negro race.

Art Club - This club provides art students with a cultural background in art. Various activities stimulate interest and promote the education and appreciation of art.

Athletic Letter Club - The members of Athletic Letter Club pledge themselves to foster sportsmanship in our community and to develop mental alertness, physical fitness, and moral integrity. Any varsity athlete who letters is eligible to join.

Band - This organization is for students interested in instrumental music. Following tryouts, students become a member of one of the following: concert band, marching band, stage band, or symphonic band. The band provides entertainment at assemblies, basketball and football games, contests, and parades.

Eisenhower High Production Company - The purpose of this society is to excel in the promotion of dramatic arts in all areas, such as production, acting, and technical work on stage. (Contact your assigned school to see if this club exists there.)

CA - Fellowship of Christian Athletes exists to confront athletes, students, and coaches with the challenge and adventure of following Christ and striving for HIM through the fellowship of their church and in their vocations. All students and faculty are invited to attend the meetings.

Future Farmers Of America - The FFA strengthens the instruction for students in vocational agriculture by providing a laboratory for practical training in agriculture, leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. All students enrolled in vocational agriculture are members of the FFA.

Future Homemakers of America - This club is made up of students in home economics. Members are interested in promoting the good in the home, families, and community.

Gentry Singers - The purpose of this organization is to create excellence in the field of entertaining and to

develop the musical talents of each individual as well as stage presence and showmanship.

International Club - International Club is an organization focused on multi-cultural activities designed to enable students to learn about customs, languages, art, music, and games of the global community. In addition to on-campus meetings, members participate in off-campus field trips and work at the International Festival in various capacities.

Key Club - Key Club is a service organization for high school students sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. The club's objective is the development of initiative, leadership, and good citizenship.

National Honor Society - The objective of this organization is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character. To qualify, candidates must have a minimum grade point average of 3.4 for the semester preceding their admission, and they must also maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.4.

Patriot - The newspaper reports school news and offers practical experience in journalism to staff members. Members participate in the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association and enter monthly contests. (Check your assigned high schools for their membership requirements.)

Pom Pom - The purpose of this organization is to represent the school in public appearances, provide half-time entertainment at designated athletic events, and to encourage school spirit through leadership at sports events and pep rallies.

Student Congress - The purpose of this organization is to create school spirit, provide an outlet for student opinion, promote leadership, and offer experience in the privileges and responsibilities of a democratic government.

TALON - The TALON staff captures the year in pictures and writings so that all students will have a record of the many memories of high school. The first goal of the TALON staff is to publish a yearbook that will be accepted and cherished by the student body. (This club is for Eisenhower High School, however, a similar club does exist at the other two high schools).

Sports Activities

Varsity sports/organizations are listed below: boys's basketball, boys soccer, girls basketball, girls soccer, baseball, softball, cheerleader, swimming, cross country, tennis, football, boys track, golf, girls track, Pom Pom, and wrestling.

Recreational Activities

Several organizations in the Lawton community offer private lessons in ballet, tap, piano, vocal music, and gymnastics. The fees range from \$35-\$70 per month. For more information, contact Information and Referral, Army Community Service, Building 4700 Mow Way Road, (580) 442-5018 or DSN 639-5018.

Employment/Volunteer Opportunities

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needs can contact the State Employment Office (phone number above) or Goodwill Industries, (580) 355-2163, for job opportunities.

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Driver's License Information

Drivers Education classes are given in the local high schools. A student does not have to have a beginner's permit before enrolling in the class. A student can take a test to obtain a beginner's permit at the age of 15 1/2. In order to get a beginner's permit, a written test and eye test must be passed. Driver's licenses (and beginner's permits) cost \$19 and are good for a period of 4 years. When a student has a beginner's permit, a licensed driver must be in the front passenger seat of the car when the student is driving. Liability insurance is required by state law. The minimum coverage is \$10,000 for bodily injury, \$20,000 maximum for any one accident, and \$10,000 for property damage.

Youth Service Programs

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Fort Sill Youth Services, (580) 442-2844, offers sports, pre-teen programs, dances, and special trips. The teen council recruits teens who desire to represent and plan activities/programs for teens in the local community.

The Lawton Public School has teamed up with the Fort Sill Youth Services and Army Community Service (ACS), to provide youth sponsors to newcomer teens. Teens wanting to be sponsored must send a request using the websites listed for the Youth Services, ACS, or the Lawton Public School or by calling the phone numbers: 580-442-5018 (ACS), 580-442-2844 (Youth Services) or DSN 639-5018(ACS) 639-2844 (Youth Service). Written request may be sent to: CDR, USAFACFS, ATZR-PF, PO BOX 33097, Fort Sill, OK 73503

LAWTON

The YMCA, (580) 355-9622, offers many programs throughout the year to include "Out of School Specials," where the entire day is packed with interesting things to do: mainly games, tournaments, frisbee, softball and football throws, swimming relays, etc. The YMCA is the only center in the state that offers the "Midnight Madness" summer night

basketball league for teens 15 years of age through 20 years of age. A membership fee is required.

Religious Services

For your religious needs, the Fort Sill Family Life Center, (580) 442-5003 or DSN 639-5003, offers an array of religious programs, mainly youth bible study, youth fellowship, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School.

The majority of the churches in the Lawton community sponsor exciting religious programs. Upon your arrival, it would be a good idea to contact the church of your choice to get information on their youth programs.

Curfew

Fort Sill curfew hours for teenagers under age 18 are 12:00 am to 6:00 am. Teenagers who are out during curfew hours for legitimate reasons, such as returning from or going to work or a church function, must have possession of written permission from their parents. Military police will detain teenagers under age 18 who are found in violation of the curfew. A Juvenile Interview Worksheet, DA Form 3975, Military Police Report and other associated paperwork will be completed.

The Lawton community curfew is also 12:00 am - 6:00 am. The first offense is a warning, and parents must come down to the police department to pick up their child. The second offense is a misdemeanor, and a \$200 fine is attached. The fine goes up with each curfew offense.

Curfew violations are unnecessary as well as unsafe. When teenagers violate curfew regulations, they not only break the law, but they subject themselves to numerous possible dangers, such as accidents, kidnappings, and violent crimes.

Parents need to inform their children of the curfew ordinance and the potential consequences of violating this law. The rules are in effect for our children's protection.

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| Name: Army Community Service |
| Address: PO Box 33097 |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5018/6801 |
| FAX: 580-442-7617 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5018/6801 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7617 |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/acs/ |

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| Name: Cameron University |
| Address: 2800 West Gore Boulevard |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: (580) 581-2200 |
| WWW Link: http://www.cameron.edu/index.php |

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| Name: Fort Sill Youth Services |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-2844 |
| DSN Phone: 639-2844 |

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| Name: Great Plains Technology Center School (Vo-Tech) |
| Address: 4500 W. Lee Blvd. |
| City: Lawton, OK 73505 |
| Phone: 580-355-6371 |
| WWW Link: http://www.gptech.org/ |

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| Name: Lawton Public School System |
| Address: 753 NW Fort Sill Boulevard PO BOX 1009 |
| City: Lawton, OK 73502 |
| Phone: 580-357-6900 |
| WWW Link: http://www.lawtonps.org/LPS/index.asp |

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| Name: Lawton Youth Services |
| City: Lawton, OK 73502 |
| WWW Link: http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/youthservices/ |

Survival Tips For First Termers

Survival Tips for First Termers Overview

Being in the Army brings unique challenges to soldiers and family members. A permanent change of station (PCS) might be only 12 months (or possibly even less). The typical PCS tour is three or four years. No matter how long you remain at one location, when you receive PCS orders, there are many things you need to do to ensure a safe and stress-free move. You should start planning as soon as you know you will be relocating. The relocation

manager at your current location can assist you with planning your move. Many booklets are available at Army Community Service that will help you to plan a smooth move. Survival Tips are listed below that will help you and your family as you face the opportunities and challenges of the mobile military lifestyle.

Before You Move

In preparation for your Relocation ensure that you know of services and assistance available to you at your installation. Visit your Relocation Assistance Manager at your local Army Community Services (ACS) Center for an assessment on all that you may need to take care of in preparation for your relocation. Are you financially able to relocate? The Relocation Program Manager at your ACS assists you with all issues to ensure a smooth relocation to your new duty station...take advantage of this free service!

Gather and hand carry all important papers, records (medical, dental, school), ID cards, orders, wills, powers of attorney, etc., and keep them handy throughout the move.

Arrange to have utilities disconnected before you leave. Notify all magazines, insurance companies, banks, credit unions, credit card companies, and the post office of your move. Leave a forwarding address with the post office or Postal Service Center, as well as with your old unit.

Update your inventory of possessions. Take pictures, if possible. Tag furniture so that movers will know what goes and what stays. Plan to transport jewelry and other valuables yourself.

If PCSing overseas, organize your belongings into the following categories: Accompanied baggage, household goods to be shipped, household goods to be stored. Accompanied baggage is the baggage you carry with you and is not counted against the overall weight limit. Unaccompanied baggage includes the things you need when you first arrive at a new duty station: clothes, small appliances, linens, etc. These are sent as a separate shipment and will arrive before your main shipment. Professional items are not counted against the weight allowance and can be shipped with the unaccompanied baggage or with the main household goods shipment. They must be clearly identified so they will be weighed separately. A transportation counselor can explain what is allowed as professional items.

Now is the time to get rid of things you don't need so you won't have to pay if you exceed the authorized weight allowance. Have a garage sale or advertise in the newspaper to sell items you will no longer need.

When the movers come, review the inventory with them, and keep an eye on the packing. Call the Transportation Office (ITO), (580) 442-4121 or DSN 639-4121, if you have any concerns about your move or have any problems with the movers.

There are two kinds of storage: temporary and non-temporary. Temporary storage is for those who are delayed in moving into permanent housing at the new duty station. You are routinely granted 90 days of storage and you can request an additional 90 days if you really need it. Non-temporary storage applies to overseas moves where the weight allowance is restricted or when members do not take all their household goods with them.

You can receive written permission from the Transportation Office at your present duty location to do a Do It Yourself (DITY) move. If you choose this option, you will receive about 95 percent of what it would cost the government to hire a commercial mover to move your household goods. If you move yourself for less than that, you get to pocket the difference. Of course, if you find that your self-moving costs are higher than the 95 percent allotted, you must make up the difference. You must get approval from your Transportation Office before a Do It Yourself move in order to collect your money, and you must still comply with the weight regulations. You make your own arrangements for truck rental and packing supplies. The cost must be paid from your 95 percent. Do It Yourself movers, like regular movers, are entitled to travel allowance, per diem, mileage, and \$40,000 insurance coverage from the government if damage is not your fault.

The following items may be shipped: Household furnishings; appliances; personal effects; professional books, papers, and equipment; spare parts for your vehicles; and all other personal property. Consult Fort Sill's Transportation Office, (580) 442-3903, on other items that may or may not qualify for shipment of household goods.

You cannot ship or store: Personal baggage when carried free on tickets; vehicles, airplanes, mobile homes, trailers, and farm equipment; live animals not required in the performance of official duties; normally, household goods acquired after the effective date of your orders; plants, cord wood, and

building materials; property for resale, disposal, or commercial use; privately owned live ammunition or other hazardous materials or alcoholic beverages.

The government will pay to ship your possessions within a weight allowance. If you exceed that allowance, you must pay the additional charges. The weight allowance includes the total weight of personal property shipped, put in storage, and sent as unaccompanied baggage.

When you are taking your pet with you, you must arrange and pay for the transportation for the pet yourself. You are responsible for inoculations and health certificates required for moving pets between states and you must pay all expenses. Some countries do have pet restrictions, check with the Veterinary Clinic to obtain this particular information.

Make sure you are adequately insured for loss or damage. You may want to be covered for the full replacement value of your property. The mover may offer supplemental insurance. It is possible that something of yours may be lost or damaged during shipment. If this happens, you can file claims against the U.S. Government and the carrier. You will not be reimbursed by both. Usually, the U.S. Government will collect from the mover and reimburse you for your loss. Contact the destination Transportation Office.

Before you leave your current location, you should fill out a Request for Sponsor form (DA Form 5434). A sponsor can provide information about housing, the unit, and the area.

Relocation counseling is available at your local Army Community Service.

The phone number for the relocation manager at Fort Sill is (580) 442-5018 or DSN 639-5018.

NOTE: If you get married before you PCS, you must inform your commander and follow the procedures exactly as you are given them. The military will not pay for travel and housing of your spouse if you do not follow proper procedures.

Please refer to the Relocation Category for additional information.

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| Name: Army Community Service |
| Address: 4700 Mow-Way Road |
| City: Fort Sill, OK 73503 |
| Phone: 580-442-5018 |
| FAX: 580-442-7617 |
| DSN Phone: 639-5018 |
| DSN FAX: 639-7617 |
| WWW Link: http://sill-www.army.mil/acs/ |

After You Arrive

One of the first locations you visit should be the Housing Office, Building 4700 Mow-Way Road. According to your rank, you will have a waiting period for quarters of at least 18-20 months. Your first priority will be finding a place to live, and the Housing Office will help you do that. They have lists of houses and apartments for rent. A volunteer realtor is available to provide you with information about houses for sale should you want to buy a home. Most units will allow you about 10 days of permissive TDY to allow you time to look for a place to live. Check with your unit after you arrive at the installation. See Related Subjects, Housing and Billeting, below, and the Housing Category for additional information.

Visit the Army Community Service (ACS) Center, Relocation Program, 4700 Mow-Way Road, to receive local maps, and other information about the area, and to ensure that all your questions and concerns are taken care of by assessing all your relocation needs.

Contact the Transportation Office, Building 2950 Austin Road, (580) 442-3903, as soon as possible after your arrival, even though you may not know the delivery address for your household goods. The Transportation Office needs a phone number and address where you can be reached on short notice. As soon as you have a delivery address for your household goods, call the Transportation Office again and provide this information. If at all possible, be prepared to accept delivery of your property as soon as it arrives. This will prevent additional handling and thus reduce the opportunity for possible loss or damage. It will also reduce or eliminate storage expenses.

Check your belongings as they are delivered, and mark any damaged or lost items on DD Form 1840, Statement of Loss or Damage. Claims must be filed with the post claims office, building 2595 Currie Road, within 70 days of delivery.

See the Relocation Services Category for additional information.

After you complete your travel, you must submit a DD Form 1351-2, Travel Voucher, to Defense Finance and Accounting Office to settle your travel.

ACS Lending Closet, building 4705, (580) 442-5018, DSN 639-5018. You can borrow items from the Lending Closet, for 30 days (with one extension). The Newcomers' Orientation is held on the second Friday of each month. Refer to the Relocation Category for more information.

Reporting Procedures

Permanently assigned service members and trainees must report to their respective processing centers. Please refer to the Must Know Subject Area in the Installation Category for additional information.

See Related Subjects, PCS Reporting Procedures, in the Must Know Subject area of the Installation Category, and the Medical and Dental Category for additional information.

Travel Planning

Go to the local Army Community Service and request an Automap, which will tell you how to drive from your current location to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Confirm your reservations on the way to Fort Sill. If you are taking pets, be sure the hotel or motel where you are staying allows pets. You can call the Geronimo Lodge, (580) 442-3214 or DSN 639-3214, on Fort Sill ahead of time to reserve a room. Geronimo Lodge has one building where families with pets can stay. When you call for reservations, be sure to state that you have a pet or pets.

When you're on the road, be sure to keep track of mileage and all expenses, and keep all receipts. If you want an advance on your travel pay, request it ten working days before you want to receive it so that your departure is problem free. Your advance pay is based upon what you state you and your family members' modes of travel are to each destination provided it is authorized in your orders. If your actual travel is different from what you had planned to do at the time you filled out your advance request or you completed it inaccurately, then your entitlements will change or you might owe money when you settle your travel at Fort Sill. If you owe, travel is not portable and must be paid back within 15 days of notification in one lump sum. If you do not pay it back, the amount you owe plus a \$15

processing fee will be collected from your next regular pay. Drawing advance pay can be hazardous to your financial health if not properly managed. Do not request more than you will need.

You will settle your travel on a DD Form 1351-2. Dependent and dislocation allowance advances must be settled within 30 days of your arrival at Fort Sill.

If your orders state concurrent travel, your dependents are authorized to travel with you.

Mileage rates

| Per PA | 1st PA | 2d PA |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 person | 15 cents | 15 cents |
| 2 people | 17 cents | 17 cents |
| 3 people | 19 cents | 19 cents |
| 4 people | 20 cents | 20 cents |

The maximum rate per car is 20 cents per mile. You may only claim the use of a second PA if you own or have a long-term lease on two or more cars. You will normally be advanced for one PA only and may claim the second PA when you settle your travel voucher at Fort Sill. Mileage is paid according to the official table of distances, using the shortest route.

Authorized travel days

Authorized travel days are computed by dividing the total authorized mileage by 350 miles. Any mileage left over 176 entitles you to another authorized day. Total authorized travel days can never be more than the number of days you took to travel. You are advanced for the maximum authorized days. If you take less time, you will owe when you settle at your new permanent station.

Per Diem (Meals and Lodging)

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| Soldier | \$50. per day |
| Spouse traveling with SM | \$37.50 per day |
| Spouse traveling separately | \$50. per day |
| Children 12 and over | \$37.50 per day |
| Children under 12 | \$25. per day |

If you are traveling by plane, the government will furnish the tickets based on your PCS orders. If you are going on leave, you will be required to pay the difference between the fare for official points and the fare with your leave points included. If you purchase your own tickets, you will be reimbursed not to exceed the cost of a government-issued ticket. Per Diem while flying is paid as shown below:

Soldier \$26
Spouse and children 12 and over \$19.50 per day
Children under 12 \$13 per day

Vehicle Ownership

There are special requirements associated with owning an automobile. Oklahoma license plate must be obtained if it was shipped from overseas, and a valid state inspection decal must be purchased. For automobiles registered in another state, the two or three rule applies. The two or three rule is that, of the following three items, at least two must be the same: Actual residence of the owner; physical location of the vehicle; state from which the vehicle operator's license was issued.

Driving tests may be taken at the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, 8 Southeast 7th Street, Lawton, (580) 353-6550. They are open from 0800 to 1200 and 1300 to 1645, Monday - Friday. License plates are available at three locations in Lawton: 902 Southwest 38th Street, 10 Southwest 2d Street, and 303 1/2 West Lee Boulevard. See Related Subject, Regulations, in the Installation Category for additional information.

The required minimum coverage in Oklahoma for automobiles is 10/20/10. Up to 10,00 must be paid for a single injury in an accident caused by the insured, but no more than \$20,000 for all injuries in that accident. Soldiers assigned to Fort Sill are required to have liability insurance.

You should contact your insurance agent to change the location since rates are based on the area in which you live. To save money on car insurance, you can do the following: Take as large a deduction as you can afford on collision and comprehensive coverage; if your car is over 5 years old and paid for, you may want to cancel the collision and comprehensive coverage; if you have adequate health and liability insurance, you may find that your uninsured motorist coverage duplicates the protection you already have; ask about any discounts for which you might be eligible; and contact several insurance companies to get the best price.

Housing and Billeting

There are a limited number of government quarters and billeting spaces available on the installation. All newly assigned military personnel must report to the Community Homefinding Relocation and Referral Service (CHRRS), 580-442-2813 or DSN 639-2813 or 1-800-695-1084, before making any housing selection in Lawton and the surrounding communities

and before entering into any lease agreement. The CHRRS is the soldiers' guide to off-post housing. See the Housing Category for detailed information.

Money Matters

Every time you relocate, it is going to cost you money. How much you spend will depend on how well you have planned your move. The information given below will help you understand the allowances that will help you pay for your move. Before you move, be sure you understand what you are or are not authorized to do at government expense.

All advance pay requests are required to have the justification as to why the funds are being requested. A soldier may receive an Advance Pay when justified and approved. In some cases further documentation may be requested by the Defense Military Pay Office (DMPO) to help in determining the authorization for the Advance. Soldiers in the grade of E4 and below must have their Commander's approval. The Finance Officer is the final approval for all Advance Pay.

The dislocation allowance helps offset the costs of leaving one home and moving into another. Members with families receive a dislocation allowance of two months' basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ). Single members receive two months' BAQ at the without dependent rate only when they cannot obtain government quarters at their new base. See Related Subject, Travel Planning, in this Category for mileage and per diem allowances information.

The Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE) allowance is provided to offset temporary lodging costs associated with a stateside move. The actual amount will vary by location, but the maximum amount is \$110 per day for the number of days you are allowed.

Lawton and the surrounding towns have a fairly low cost of living. You should start saving as soon as you find out you will be coming to Fort Sill. You should save enough for the first month's rent and a deposit, if you are going to rent a house or apartment. The average cost to rent a 2-bedroom unfurnished apartment is \$300, and the average cost to rent a 3-bedroom unfurnished house is \$475. Usually, you will pay a deposit equal to about one month's rent. If you have a pet, most places will charge a pet deposit, usually from \$100 to \$200. The average cost to purchase a 3-bedroom home is \$75,000. You will have to pay \$40 for cable installation for one TV plus your bill for the current month. You will be required to pay a service charge for each utility and a

telephone, which will be included on your first month's bill. You may be required to pay a deposit for your telephone service. See Related Subjects, Community Housing and Utilities, in the Housing Category for more information.

Whenever you PCS, you are going to be faced with some unusual expenses. Some examples of unusual expenses are: travel costs, tickets, gasoline, food and lodging, tolls, car tune-up, new tires before the trip, emergency repairs along the way; deposits, damage, and rent deposit on new apartment; utilities, telephone, and cable; closing costs if buying a new house; temporary lodging at the old post and at the

new post; restocking the refrigerator and food pantry; household incidentals; light bulbs, toilet paper, soaps, cleaning supplies and equipment, curtains, etc.

Other financial impacts of a PCS move are: Do we depend on the money my spouse gets from his or her job? How long will it be before he or she gets a new job? Will it pay as well? We may have to live on less money for a couple of months, or more. Higher cost-of-living includes not only higher housing and food costs, but also things like having to drive farther to work, child care costs, school costs, etc. You might even have a lower Variable Housing allowance (VHA) or no VHA at all.

At A Glance

Facility/Services Summary

| --Officer and Enlisted Population-- | | | |
|--|-------|--|-------|
| Active Duty Officer | 1128 | Active Duty Warrant Officer | 130 |
| Guard Reserve Officer | 80 | Guard Reserve Warrant Officer | 0 |
| Retired (Officer and Enlisted) | 10239 | Foreign Service Officers | 41 |
| Active Duty Enlisted | 8602 | Guard Reserve Enlisted | 274 |
| Foreign Service Enlisted | 2 | | |
| --Civilians-- | | | |
| Civil Service | 5858 | Wage Grade | 375 |
| Non-Appropriated Funds | 975 | Family Members -on and off Installation- | 36513 |
| --Family Services-- | | | |
| Family Centers | 1 | Teen Centers | 1 |
| Child Day Care | 1 | Family Child Care Certified Homes | 11 |
| Total Child Capacity | 265 | Total Child Capacity | 60 |
| Average Waiting List Time -Months- | 2 | | |
| --Other Services-- | | | |
| Commissary | 1 | Exchanges | 1 |
| Shoppettes | 2 | Gas Stations | 2 |
| Movie Theaters | 1 | Banks and Credit Unions | 2 |
| McDonalds/Burger King | 3 | Other i.e. Exchange concessionaires | 38 |

Education Summary

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Numbers</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Elementary School | 30 |
| Jr High/Middle School | 4 |
| High School | 3 |

Local Community Summary

| <i>Type of Housing</i> | <i>Avg.</i> | <i>Low</i> | <i>High</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Apartment Rent | 350 | 275 | 525 |
| House Rent | 550 | 500 | 900 |
| House Price - Single Family | 67000 | 55000 | 125000 |
| Townhouse/Condominium Price | 50000 | 70000 | 100000 |

Medical and Dental Summary

| <i>--Medical Facilities--</i> | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----|------------------|----|
| Medical Treatment Facilities | Y | Number of Beds | 157 | Medical Clinic | 33 |
| Alcohol | Y | Allergy | Y | Audiology | Y |
| Cardiology | N | Coronary care | N | Dermatology | Y |
| Dietary | Y | Emergency room | Y | Endocrinology | N |
| Family Practice | Y | General surgery | Y | Gynecology | Y |
| HIV Unit | N | Hematology | Y | Immunization | Y |
| Infect Disease | Y | Intensive Care | Y | Laboratory | Y |
| Mental Health | Y | Neonatal Intensive Care Unit | N | Nuclear Medicine | Y |
| Nephrology | N | Neurology | N | Neurosurgery | N |
| Obstetrics | Y | Oncology | Y | Ophthalmology | Y |
| Optometry | Y | Orthopedics | Y | Otolaryngology | Y |
| Pathology | Y | Pediatrics | Y | Physical Therapy | Y |
| Podiatry | Y | Primary Care | Y | Radiology | Y |
| Rheumatology | Y | Urology | Y | | |
| <i>--Dental Facilities--</i> | | | | | |
| Dental Clinics | 3 | Adolescent | Y | Endodontics | Y |
| General Dentistry | Y | Oral Surgery | Y | Orthodontics | Y |
| Pedodontist | N | Periodontics | Y | | |

Relocation and Support Services Summary

| <i>--Military Clubs--</i> | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|---|
| Officers Club | 1 | Non-Commissioned Officers Club | 1 |
| Enlisted Club | 2 | | |
| <i>--Recreation--</i> | | | |
| Arts and Crafts | 1 | Automobile Hobby Centers | 1 |
| Bowling Centers | 1 | Recreational Centers | 2 |
| Libraries | 1 | Music and Theater Locations | 3 |
| <i>--Physical Fitness/Sports--</i> | | | |
| 9 Hole Golf Courses | 0 | 18 Hole Golf Courses | 2 |
| Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers | 3 | Jogging Paths | 1 |
| Tennis Clubs/Courts | 3 | Tennis Courts - Lighted | 2 |
| Swimming Pools - Public | 4 | | |
| <i>--Nature/Outdoor Activities--</i> | | | |
| Outdoor Recreation Centers | 1 | Campgrounds | 1 |
| Fishing Areas | 10 | Horse Stables | 0 |

APPENDIX

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